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नियम --- (दस्तावेज आवश्यक)
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This matter was discussed in F.S.'s morning meeting. It was considered necessary to get the Ambassador's views before finalising to the matter. I am issuing a telegram accordingly/ our Ambassador in Peking. We may also find out what statements have been made in Parliament on this subject. My impression is that while Government of India have accepted the fact of Netaji's death, we have not necessarily accepted that the ashes in the Renkoji Buddhist temple are his ashes. It should be verified whether there are reported to be any other ashes of the late Netaji.

4-A-Issue

Whale
(T. N. Kaul)
28.7.1955.

NSK) Discussed with T.S.: A copy of the telegram has already been sent on an earlier date, P.M. N.G.C. may kindly place that telegram on the file.

A.C. 9. Return

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~~N.G.C.~~

SECRET

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

I suggest you send the following reply to the attached telegram from Tokyo:

"Your telegram 73, July 29th.
We think that our Embassy should participate in Memorial Services for Subhas Chandra Bose. Prime Minister stated in Parliament two years ago that in the circumstances we had to accept fact of death. Therefore, there is no difficulty in our taking up this position publicly."

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
20.7.55.

J. Nehru

D. Kaul

DS(E) (8-A) 3565-NGO/55. ... (9-A)

Demi-official letter No.F.5(1)NGO-1, dated the 30th August 1955, from the Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo.

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Please acknowledge and examine. While we accept Netaji's death, do we accept these ashes as the real ones? If so, then we could take them over; if not, then the course suggested by the Ambassador is the right one.

T.N. Kaul.

3/9/55.

Please let me have the file.

A. J. Kidwai.

4/9/55.

Draft ackgt is submitted. Please see current correspondence in this file with particular attention to the communications cited in the margin of Sl(1-A) and minute 3 ante.

11-A 19/55-799. DS(E) A/R

I enclose a letter from Shri N.Dutt-Mazumdar.

2. Some days ago, I had a talk with B.R.Sen on this subject. As a result of this, I wrote to Dr.B.C. Roy suggesting that we might send a team of three persons to Japan to enquire into the circumstances of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death. I had a talk with Dr. Roy this evening. He agreed that this would be a good idea.

3. I think that a team of three should consist of (1) a representative of the Bose family, (2) a representative of the old I.N.A. and (3) a Government official.

4. Shri B.R.Sen himself suggested some such team. A suitable representative of the Bose family would be Shri Amiya Bose son of the late Shri Sarat Chandra Bose. An INA representative might be Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary. As for the Government representative, we might perhaps choose someone from Bengal, though that is not necessary.

5. If Shri B.R.Sen is still here, you might discuss this with him, or, else, you might write to him in Calcutta. I gather that Amiya Bose is perfectly willing to go. He has suggested that we might consult Shri Subhas Chandra Bos's wife in Vienna, but I do not think it necessary.

6. The next step we should take is to approach the Japanese Government informally and put it to them that, in view of a great deal of misapprehension here and some mystery surrounding Shri Subhas Bose's death, we consider it desirable to have an enquiry into the circumstances. Naturally, we can only do this with the approval and assistance of the Japanese Government. If they are agreeable to this, then we shall send a small deputation for the purposes of this enquiry. We hope that the Japanese Government will be good enough to give them full assistance in this matter.

7. The purpose of the enquiry will be to find the circumstances of the death and how far the ashes kept in a temple in Tokyo are Shri Subhas Bose's ashes.

8. The aeroplane accident leading to Shri Subhas Bose's death took place in Formosa. This raises a difficulty as it will be difficult for any of our men to go to Formosa and, if they did go there, they will be unable to do anything or get any help from the Formosan Government. As a matter of fact, I do not think that much can be done by a visit to Formosa. Such eye-witnesses or others who might know about that accident must be Japanese. These Japanese are obviously no longer in Formosa. If they have to be contacted, it will have to be in Japan itself. Therefore, a visit to Formosa appears not only difficult but unnecessary.

9. After discussing this matter with Shri B.R.Sen and sending through him a communication to the Japanese Government, you might inform Dr. B.C.Roy what steps we are taking. You might also request him to ask Shri Amiya Bose if, in the event of an enquiry team going to Japan, he would be willing to be a member of it.

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10. You might acknowledge Shri N.Dutt-Mazumdar's letter and tell him that we are considering this matter.

11. I am sending a copy of this note to Dr.B.C.Roy.

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
13.10.1955

*M. Nehru
14.10.55*

F.S.

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I was unable to contact Shri B. R. Sen. I have however spoken to Dr. B.C. Roy who is meeting Sen in Calcutta. Sen has also been asked by Dr. Roy to meet and discuss this matter with the Prime Minister on the 16th evening at Calcutta.

2. We shall have to approach the Japanese Government informally on the lines mentioned by the Prime Minister in paragraph 6 of his note. The previous papers should be looked up to see if any approach was made in the past and, if so, with what result. An officer of the Embassy should be associated with the Committee but not as a member.

S. Dutt

(S. Dutt)
15. 10. 1955.

JS (E).

*Will Smt. M. examine the
prop. w/c with our embassy as above?
M. Dutt*

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S. Dutt

Please examine it above quickly.

S. Dutt

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I have gone through the papers placed below and find that we did not at any time approach the Japanese Govt in this matter.

A draft S.O. to our Embassy in Japan is put up for approval -

Handwritten

18.10.55

S.O.B.A.

Please draft

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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I met Shri B.R.Sen, our Ambassador in Tokyo, in Calcutta this evening. I asked him to inform the Japanese Government informally that, in view of the great interest in India in regard to the circumstances of the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose and in his ashes, it would be desirable to have some kind of an investigation in this matter so as to remove any doubts from people's minds about these circumstances. It is obvious that no such enquiry can take place without the consent, approval and cooperation of the Japanese Government. If they are agreeable, as we hope they will be, then we propose to send a team of three persons who will place themselves at the disposal of the Japanese Government and conduct an enquiry in Japan in cooperation with the Japanese Government. This is all that need be said to the Japanese Government at this stage, and we should await their reply.

2. It is our intention to request Shri Amiya Bose, son of Shri Sarat Chandra Bose, and Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary and previously of the I.N.A., to be two members of this team. The third should be an official either from the Government of India or the West Bengal Government.

3. The enquiry should be carried out without too much fuss or publicity. It should be largely confined to the circumstances of the death and as to whether the ashes at present in a Japanese temple are Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's ashes.

4. It is possible that questions might arise about the so-called treasure of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose. Some of the Indian merchants in Japan have raised this question from time to time. I do not think we should mix up this matter with the other enquiry. Indeed, it is very difficult to enquire into this treasure, and the only people who can perhaps throw some light are the Japanese or some of the close associates of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose. I had some kind of an enquiry made in Malaya some years ago. We recovered some gold. It seemed to me then that all the moneys with the India League had vanished because they were in Japanese currency which had no value left.

5. It is possible that some treasure was with Shri Subhas Chandra Bose when he died. Some small bit of it was sent to us. It consists of burnt pieces of jewellery etc. Their value is not great. I think these pieces etc. are with the External Affairs Ministry. I doubt very much if there is the slightest hope of our tracing any other treasure. In any event, the team we send should not go into that matter. If any facts come to our notice and the Japanese Government helps, we might take this up later.

6. I told Shri B.R.Sen that if and when this team goes to Japan, our Embassy should help them in every way and should not keep aloof. Indeed, they should realise that this is an enquiry sponsored by Government.

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7. Although I have spoken to Shri B.R.Sen on this subject, a formal letter should be sent to him also. Meanwhile, Dr. B.C.Roy might be good enough to inform Shri Amiya Bose and get his reactions.

J Nehru

(J. Nehru)
16.10.1955

Camp: Calcutta.

N R. Sen S.G.
17.10.55
F.S.

Copy to: Dr. B.C.Roy.

For action. I asked ²¹ Is it fine and whether we have in the past week any approach to the Japanese Govt about our enquiry.

J.S.E)

S. Nehru

17.10.55

I have written to Dr. Sen.
Please put up file immediately, including Dr Ranji's letter.

Urgent

17.10.55

(23-A) J.S.E)

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Shri Shah Nawaz Khan came to me this evening and discussed with me the proposed enquiry into Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death. He suggested that the right person to go as a member of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's family was his eldest living brother, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose. He did not at all like the idea of Amiya Bose being sent and thought that this would be an unpopular choice.

I telephoned to Dr. B.C. Roy about this and he said that he would speak to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and enquire from him if he was willing to go.

After this enquiry begins, it might be worthwhile for us to ask the American Embassy and the British High Commission if it is possible for them to give us some information. I have no doubt that both of them must have some information and may even have had their private enquiry.

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
20-10-1955

F.S.

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For action.

S. Bhattacharya

21.10.55

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reaction is received

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Please put up file and proposals.
We have now to go ahead with finalising
arrangements for the Delegation.

Sd/- T.N.Kaul
13.II.55

NGO Section may kindly put up the relevant files
to U.S.(FEA) for further action.

H.K. Kaul

Ministry of External Affairs.

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When is the Enquiry Committee likely to start investigation into the circumstances of Netaji Subas Bose's death? Prime Minister wants to know immediately.

C.W.W.
(S. Dutt)
9. 1. 1956.

JS(E)

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The note to the Cabinet was submitted on 7.1.1956. I have spoken to Major General Shah Nawaz. He says that he is going to Pakistan in connection with the death of a near relation and will not be back till about the 10th of February. He thinks that the Committee could start work from about the 15th of February, collect preliminary data etc. and start for Japan about the end of February and return from there about the 3rd or 4th week of March. He also expressed a desire to get all the records of statements made by Lt. Col. Habibur Rahman, Mr. Iyer, etc. on the subject. He mentioned that he had spoken to P.M. that the American Occupation Authorities in Japan had also conducted an enquiry and it might be useful to get their records, if possible. He would also like Lt. Col. Habibur Rahman who is in Pakistan to be examined by the Committee, if possible, as Col. Rahman was with Netaji when the plane crashed.

2. I mentioned to Major General Shah Nawaz that it would have been desirable if the enquiry could be completed before the next session of Parliament as many questions are bound to be asked in the next session. He said that it would be impossible to complete the enquiry by then and the earliest they could do it would be the 15th of March. In the meanwhile, we may get all the records and also request the American Ambassador here for copies of any records they may have and the Pakistan High Commissioner to allow Col. Habibur Rahman to appear before the Committee.

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Ans. There'll be no trouble.*

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DS(E) should draw up a tentative programme in
consultation with General Shah Nawaz.

Whe
(T. N. Kaul)
10.1.1956.

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DS(E)

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I propose to suggest the following
schedule to Major-General Shah Nawaz :-

15th to 20th February. Committee meets and studies
relevant papers and documents in External
Affairs Ministry.

21st to 23rd February. Examination of witnesses in
India and Pakistan.

24th February. Leave for Singapore.

25th to 28th February. Examination of witnesses in
Singapore.

29th February. Leave for Bangkok.

1st to 3rd March. Examination of witnesses in
Bangkok.

4th March. Leave for Saigon.

5th and 6th March. Examination of witnesses in
Saigon.

7th March. Leave for Tokyo.

8th to 21st March. Enquiry in Tokyo.

22nd March. Leave for India.

We have provided for 5 weeks in the note
for Cabinet. It is quite possible that the enquiry
in Japan might take longer in which case the Chairman
can ask for the further extension of its visit.

We are not providing for any meetings of
the Committee in Delhi after their return from Tokyo.
Two members of the Committee are in Calcutta and, unless
the Chairman feels otherwise, he can visit Calcutta
on

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on official tours and meet his colleagues there.

If J.S. approves, I will suggest the above itinerary to the Chairman.

It would be better to approach the Pakistan High Commissioner after we have fixed a date for Col. Habibur Rahman to appear before the Committee.

Regarding the records of the American Occupation Authorities in Japan, J.S. may indicate whether I should make the request now.

4-1.76
(A. J. Kidwai)
12. 1. 56.

J.S(E)

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DS(E) should first discuss with
feel that arrangement with the Pak
up for J.S. approval. Re Signature,
Langau, Bangkok, no return home
transports the funds used.
Will DSC(E) also bring up draft terms of
rej. reinf M?

W.M.
(4-1-56)

DS(E) 37
Issue letter to Major Gen. Shah Nawaz

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Approved,

H. S. K.

D. 411-88

CABINET SECRETARIAT.

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P.M. had recently expressed some doubt as to whether Shri Suresh Chandra Bose had agreed to serve on the Committee appointed to make investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of his brother, Shri Subhas Chandra Bose. P.M. will be interested to know that Shri Suresh Chandra Bose has conveyed in writing to Shri Shah Nawaz, who is going to be the Chairman of the Committee, his consent to serve on the Committee. Copy of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose's letter is placed below.

Y. N. Sukthankar
(Y.N. Sukthankar).
20.1.56.

P.M.

Cab. Sectt. U.O.
No. CSR/17/56,
dt. 20.1.56.

*J. Bhattacharya
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To T.S. to see

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23.1.56

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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I send herewith a letter from Dr. B.C. Roy and the reply I have given him. We have to give up the idea of having R.K. Mitra as a Member of the Committee.

(44A)-Issue.

✓ O.K.

(S. Dutt)
1.2.56

J.S.(E)

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Will DS(G) pl. follow up rebs
in which Sect. when R. Mitra
vacuum is finally resolved -

1.2.56

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Please put up as soon as reply to F-S's letter
of 18th January from Premier, West Bengal is received.

A. Q. Kidwai
2.2.56

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Ref. Dr. B.C. Roy's letter about the third member of the investigating Party on Netaji's death mystery - I should think Sri. Ranjit Gupta would do well, certainly ~~as~~ better than S. Mohan. I still think a Senior Police Officer have with intelligence experience would be helpful in a Committee of this nature. The inclusion of a ~~book~~ book of Netaji's in the Committee & of Sri Shah Nawaz Bokhari - so far as the public are concerned - But those who are determined not to be convinced, would never be convinced whatever be the composition of the Committee.

Amidst hand

DS 48 1/2/56
We have to be guided by the W. Bengal Govt's D.E. advice & their paper on this order
S. B. 1/2/56

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J.S. will remember that in connection with our Cabinet note on the Netaji Subhash Chander Bose Enquiry Committee some doubt was expressed by the Cabinet Secretariat whether Shri Suresh Chander Bose has accepted the invitation to serve on the Committee. I conveyed the doubt to Major-General Shah Nawaz Khan, who sent me a copy of the letter that he had received from Shri Suresh Chander Bose, in which Shri Bose had in very definite language agreed to serve on the Committee. This letter was passed on to the Cabinet Secretariat and was also shown to the Prime Minister.

Gen. Shah Nawaz Khan now wants us to write a formal letter to Shri Suresh Chander Bose and obtain his formal reply.

The formality of inviting Shri Suresh Chander Bose to serve on the Committee was not gone through because of a certain misunderstanding. On 20th October P.M. recorded a note in which he said he had spoken to Dr. B.C. Roy about Shri Suresh Chander Bose, ^{and Dr. Roy} who had promised to speak to Shri Bose and enquire from him if he was willing to join the Committee. We do not know if Dr. B.C. Roy conveyed Shri Bose's acceptance to P.M. orally.

On 23rd November, F.S. wrote to Dr. Roy a letter in which he said that he presumed that Shri Bose was agreeable to working on the Committee. There is no reply on the file from Dr. Roy to F.S., but apparently F.S. had a talk with Dr. Roy about this matter.

As we have no formal letter of acceptance from Shri Bose, Gen. Shah Nawaz suggests that we might

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write to him. I submit the enclosed draft on which
we shall continue to premise his acceptance, and inquire from
him when it would be convenient for him to undertake the visit to Japan.
The reply to that letter will give the date of acceptance.

A. J. Kidwai
(A. J. Kidwai)
25. 1. 56.

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J.S.(E)

I also enclose along this to J.S. two documents which
would be more appropriate if the letter were from F.S.

A. J. Kidwai
25. 1. 56

J.S.(E) -

Enclosed

J.S.

Enclosed

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P.S.

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J.S.(E)

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Major-General Shah Nawaz has returned from a visit to Calcutta and I had a talk with him this morning.

During his stay in Calcutta, Maj.Gen. Shah Nawaz tried to consult his two other colleagues on the proposed Committee about its programme of work and the terms of reference for it which he should suggest to Government. Shri Suresh Chander Bose was not available, but Gen.Shah Nawaz was able to consult Shri Mitra, Home Secretary of the West Bengal Government, who is going to be the third member of the Committee.

It appears Shri Mitra is taking over a new post in the first week of February and will not be able to get away from his work during February. Shri Suresh Chander is in a weak state of health and it would not be advisable for him to visit Japan in Winter. Shri Shah Nawaz himself is planning a visit to Pakistan in February to see his relations after which he will be taken up with the Railway budget debate in Parliament. In view of all these considerations, Gen. Shah Nawaz thinks the middle of March would be a suitable time for the Committee to start its work. I have asked him to mention this to P.M. who appears to be anxious that the Committee should start its work soon.

Regarding terms of reference, Gen. Shah Nawaz in consultation with Shri Mitra suggests the following formulation :-

"To inquire into the departure of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August 1945 and the subsequent events leading to his disappearance".

This appears to be a sufficiently elastic formulation

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(18) (18) and the word "disappearance" is more appropriate than the word "death" which we have used so far. But it would exclude an investigation by the Committee into the authenticity of the ashes in the Renkoji temple in Tokyo. As the ashes are likely to be the subject of recurring controversy, I think we should have the verdict of the Committee on their authenticity and this should be the second term of reference.

A. J. Kidwai

(A. J. Kidwai)
25.1.1956.

J.S(E) I would suggest "alleged death"⁵² instead of "disappearance" and add at the end "and submit a report to Govt. of India with their findings and recommendations".

— inland —

26.1.56

F.S.

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I would formulate the terms of reference as follows:-

"To enquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August 1945, his alleged death as a result of an aircraft accident and subsequent developments connected therewith."

By a letter we can make it clear that the scope of enquiry will also include investigation into the authenticity of the ashes of Shri Bose in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

I am told that Shri R.K. Mitra has taken over as Commissioner of the Calcutta Port Trust. We have to be quite sure that his services will be available for this

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enquiry. I would like JS(E) to contact the Chief Secretary of West Bengal Shri S.N. Ray and also the Transport Ministry. If Shri R.K. Mitra is not likely to be available we must ask the West Bengal Government to nominate somebody else in his place.

After action has been taken the papers may be returned to me so that I can mention to the Prime Minister.

S. Dutt

(S. Dutt)

27.1.1956

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I have consulted Secy. Transport Ministry. He says that as they are expecting labour trouble at Calcutta Port it would be extremely hazardous to let Shri Mitra to go out for 5 to 6 months so soon after his taking over.

I have also spoken to chief Secy. W.Bengal Govt. who has promised to recommend another person shortly.

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28.1.56

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of 5th Feb BC Ray's letter & my reply to him since he is a copy

S. Dutt

3.2.56

f E

Enc.

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Dear Delhi to Gen. Secy. Ministray.

Agreed

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(58A)

Please see the attached letter from Dr. Roy and

my reply. I am afraid the Committee's departure from India
will be delayed once more.

I also place below a telegram to Shri Sankar Moitra,
at present Chief Commissioner, Andamans. It should issue
after J.S.(E) has seen.

Please issue
direct after J.S.(F)
has seen. Yours

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PA to JS(E)

cc

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S. Dutt
9.2.56

J.S.(E)

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Done.

Subhadra

9.2.56

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.

About two years or more ago, we received some articles, including some so-called I.N.A. treasure, from Tokyo. I gather that these articles were deposited in the National Museum.

2. There was also a small sum of money, Rs. 265/10/- in cash, being the equivalent of 20,000 yen, which had been deposited in our Embassy. What exactly has been done with this sum ?

16/2/56

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
14.2.1956.

FS

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W.M. DS(F). Please enquire & report!

S. Dutt

14.2.56

DS/F 14.2.56,
15/2/56

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The treasure has been kept in the National Museum.

2. A sum of Rs.265-10-0 was transferred to us by the Embassy of India, Tokyo. In December, 1954 in accordance with P.M.'s instructions the money was transferred to the I.N.A. Relief Fund through the A.I.C.C. The A.I.C.C. have given receipt for it.

A.J. Kidwai
(A.J. Kidwai)
17-2-1956.

F.S.

P.M.

J. Nehru

S. Dutt
21.2.56

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Replies
US(PBA) hrs
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Mr K.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(67A)

I have acknowledged Shri B.R. Sen's letter.

The Japanese note should be shown to the Members of the Committee when they come to Delhi.

(69A) (70A) *Visitors*
J.E.

W.M.
11.2.56

R. Dutt(S. DUTT)
11-2-1956

DS(E)

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Major General Shah Nawaz may kindly see this memorandum and return it as soon as possible as we have not yet had time made for the members of the Delgov Committee.

A.P.K. Chaturvedi

10/2/56

Seen by Major Genl. Shah Nawaz.

Approved
23/2
By: *Muzaffar*
Accepted
24/2/56

Muzaffar
25/2

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

(72A)

I have already spoken to you about this matter. I do not think that Radha Binod Pal will be suitable.

9 hours

(J. Nehru)
21-2-1956.

F.S.

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Issue letter dictated.

S. D. M.

21-2-56

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Ministry of External Affairs.

I had a talk with Major General Shah Nawaz Khan a few days ago regarding the Netaji Bose Enquiry Committee when he made the following suggestions:-

- Referred*
- (i) The only non-official member of the committee is Shri Suresh Chandra Bose. Shri Bose's financial condition is not very good and, therefore, when the terms of the committee are drawn up, besides the normal daily allowance at the places of halt he should be given a lumpsum honorarium. I discussed this with J.S.(E). He thought that an honorarium of Rs.2,000/- would be suitable.
 - General Shah Nawaz Khan pointed out that there was a parallel for this in the Railway Accidents' Inquiry Committee, one of the non-official members of which was given a lumpsum honorarium.
 - (ii) General Shah Nawaz thinks that, besides secretarial assistance to be provided by our missions in the countries which the committee visits, it would be essential to take one P.A.-cum-Stenographer who is familiar with the case and the connected papers right through. He, therefore, wishes to take his own Personal Assistant with him.
 - (iii) We have not made provision for travelling allowance of witnesses from India and Pakistan who will be examined by the committee in India before it leaves for Tokyo. ~~NP~~ suggest provision of ~~Rs.2,000/-~~ may be made for this expenditure.
 - (iv) We should now move the Governments concerned for witnesses which have to be examined by the committee. The only I.N.A. eye-witness of Netaji's alleged death is Col. Habibur Rehman. General Shah Nawaz suggests that we might give advance intimation of our intention to invite him for evidence to the Pakistan High Commissioner here and request the permission of the Pakistan Government to examine him. Col. Habib-ur Rehman is posted in Skardu and since we are planning to have the committee start work by the 15th March the request to the Pakistan High Commissioner may be made immediately. This may be made either by Commonwealth Secretary to the Pakistan High Commissioner or by D.S.(Pak) to the Deputy High Commissioner. There are a number of other witnesses whose names General Shah Nawaz has given me. Thus, Gen. Isoka and Mr. Hachiya, Ambassadors of Japan to the provisional Government of Azad Hind, Japanese survivors of the crashed
- Action Taken*

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plane which was carrying Netaji, Japanese Officers who were on duty at the Airport at the time of the alleged plane crash, the Medical Officers and nurses who were on duty in the hospital in which Netaji was admitted after the plane crashed, the Officer who certified his death, persons present while his body was cremated, the Officer who delivered Netaji's ashes to Shri Habib-ur Rehman, Lt.Gen. Arasue, ex-Chief of Intelligence at Japanese Supreme HQ., are to be examined. General Shah Nawaz also suggests that we might ask the U.S. Government if any enquiry was held by the Military Intelligence Service of their Far East Command into the alleged plane crash in which Netaji was involved. A similar enquiry has to be made from the British authorities.

2. Ex-members of the I.N.A. or the Azad Hind Government like Major General Guzara Singh, Deb Nath Das and others will have to be examined in India. These processes will have to be set in motion now if the committee is able to launch right into its work by the 15th March. I, therefore, suggest that for purposes of these preliminary arrangements General Shah Nawaz may begin to function as the committee till the whole committee is able to meet.
3. If General Shah Nawaz's recommendations in paragraphs (i) (ii) and (iii) are approved a revised Cabinet Note will have to be submitted.

F.S. may see for orders.

A.J.Kidwai

(A.J.Kidwai)
17-2-1956.

R.S.

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Handed over to me by DS(E) on 1/3/56. Action
has been taken on all the points except witnesses & those on which
F.S has suggested delayed action.
R/13.

D. 11/28/56

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From pre-page.

I agree that we should think out the preliminary arrangements on the advice of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan. No step can be taken until the whole Committee has met. We should not let the Committee feel tied to any steps taken by us.

2. As regards suggestion (i), I have written to the Chief Secretary, West Bengal - copy placed below. Suggestions (ii) and (iii) are reasonable and we shall have to make provision for the expenditure involved. They cannot, however, be dealt with until we have a reply from the Chief Secretary, West Bengal.

3. We should give the Pakistan High Commissioner notice of our intention to invite Mr. Habibur Rehman. I would not, however, approach the U.S. and U.K. Governments at this stage. After the Committee has examined the witnesses and formed some idea of the circumstances of the case we can consider approaching the U.K. and U.K. Governments. They are not likely to disclose their intelligence reports to us.

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S. DUTT
22-2-1956

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S.O.F.A. may see this file as I am handing over charge today.

The following action regarding the Bose Enquiry Committee remains to be taken:-

(i) As soon as Shri Shah Nawaz indicates the date on which the committee should meet here, Shri Maitra and Shri Suresh Chandra Bose should be informed. I have already

P.T.O...

(v) I have shown all the material in the files of the Section regarding the circumstances of Netaji Bose's alleged death to Shri Shah Nawaz but I have not shown the N.G.O.files to him yet. In fact, there is very little in the N.G.O.files about the circumstances of the death. There is more about the I.N.A. Treasure. At some stage S.O.F.A. may ask J.S.(E)'s opinion whether these files also should be shown to members of the committee.

(vi) There was a long memorandum received from the Japanese about the circumstances of Netaji's death. This I have shown to General Shah Nawaz and Deputy Minister. F.S. has directed that it should be shown to all the members of the Bose Enquiry Committee. Cyclostyled copies of this memorandum will have to be made for other members of the committee.

S.O.F.A. may kindly keep in touch with Major Shah Nawaz on telephone.

A.J.Kidwai
(A.J.Kidwai)
29-2-56.

~~S.O.F.A.~~

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*SOFA has taken action
to Genl Shah Nawaz Khan.
29/2/56.*
As verbally directed by SOFA, this file (in two parts) may be shown to Genl Shah Nawaz Khan. The report prepared by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs received with Sl(67A) has already been delivered to General Shah Nawaz Khan.

*H
12/4/56. 17/3/56*

dict.

I give orders that this shall go

R.P. 12/4

N.B.

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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I do not know if you have seen the enclosed cutting. Anyhow, it might be kept for reference.

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
27. 4. 1956F.S.

S. D. Basu

J.S.E.

90 29.4.56

This has obviously been given by a member of the Committee — unless the Japanese may have done so, which I doubt. In any case, it may help in convincing the public of India's death and we may therefore take no action on it.

S. D. Basu

29.4.56

J.S.E.

We may, if you agree, press it in the U.N. Come with me,

S. D. Basu

29.4.56

J.S.(E)

I have heard in our
the course of the Com.

S. D. Basu
30.4.56

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notes)

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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SL (97A)

I am sorry to read the attached letter. When this Committee was here, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose met me and was not satisfied with Shah Nawaz. He wanted Binod Pal to be the Chairman of the Committee. I told him that this was not feasible. Subsequently, he complained to me about some very minor matters against Shaw Nawaz. I thought all this was rather trivial. But, what Anand Mohan Sahay writes is really extraordinary.

2. You might acknowledge this letter.

J Nehru

(J. Nehru)
23. 5.1956

S.G.

F.S.

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Jham and Mr. Sahay's letter

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Nehru
25.5.56
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Secretary may kindly see F.R. with reference
to I.B's note dated 17.8.56 on page 1/n and S.R.
Nos 1,2 and 3. After Secretary has seen the
F.R. will be shown to the Ministry of External Affairs.

Secretary

Sd/-
14.6.57. Raj Kumar
Deputy Secretary
M.o.f Home Affairs,
Tel. No.32547

Sd/-
15.6.57.

Ministry of External Affairs
(Shri B.K. Acharya)

M.H.A.U.O. No.F.5/21/56-T
Dt. 17.6.57.

Sd/- 17.6.57.
Raj Kumar
Deputy Secretary
Min. of Home Affairs,
Tel. No.32547.

Seen. U.S.(E.A.) may see and return.

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Sd/-

B.K. Acharya
19.6.57-

Ministry of Home. (Sd: Raj Kumar)

Ministry of External Affairs. V.O. No. D.3280-Nao/57, D.22.6.57.

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Raj Kumar
19.6.57.

(Routine)
E.A. Section

IMMEDIATE

9.3684-EH/57

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Please see the FR and the attached note of P.A to S.S(E). Presumably the FR belongs to NGO Section and action on it had been taken.

[In case the FR does not belong to them and no action on it was taken earlier, we would be prepared to deal with it.]

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NGO Section
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sub'mt Submitted with papers. Minute 102 and S.Nos 181-A, 184-A, 202-A
and 210-A of Vol. I and S.Nos. 13-4 and paragraph 15 of S.No 103-A of Vol II
may kindly be seen. The N.G.O. pp. were submitted previously to
S.S(E) in connection with the D.P. and it seems to be marked ~~for~~ [#]
Incidentally it may be mentioned that during the forthcoming
tour of Japan, Prime Minister would visit the Renkoji Temple.

's receipt of the FR has not so far been acknowledged
a draft is put up for approval.

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DS(E)

In September, 1956 a memorandum on the Report of the Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose Enquiry Committee was submitted to the Cabinet.

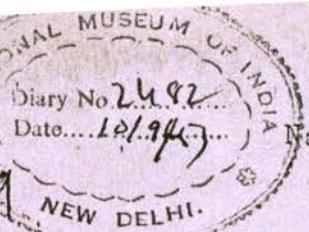
The Committee's recommendation and the government's views may kindly
be seen in para 15 of the Memorandum. There has been no subsequent
development in the matter.

Issue D.O. below.

B.K. Acharya
(B.K. Acharya)
9.9.1957

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N.G.O.
(150UE)



CONFIDENTIAL

National Museum of India.

A sealed box containing relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, has been lying in the National Museum since 30.12.1953. The contents were received from the Ministry of External Affairs through Shri D.D. Bhatia, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs. These were accessioned in the General Register, but these pages of the register were later on sealed, as the contents were considered to be secret. This seal is said to have been broken at the time when the Inquiry Committee about the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose visited the Museum. The pages were re-sealed after that. As the objects in question do not form a part of the art objects to be exhibited in the National Museum, the Ministry of External Affairs may kindly be requested to take over these objects.

Vikram Singh
(VIKRAM SINGH)

Min. of Education & S.R. (Shri D.K. Hingorani).
National Museum U.C.L. No. D.2482 Dated 10/9/57

D.K. Hingorani
10/9/57

Ministry of External Affairs
M/Edu. + S.R. 4/6. No. D.5244/57-c3 dt. 10/9/57
Ministry of External Affairs.

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NGO Section may kindly take over this. The box was not sent by

E.A. Section.

Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

In this connection minutes Nos. 168 to 180 and 185 to 198 of Vol. I
may kindly be seen.

D.4994-NGO/57 (D.O. from Shri C.S.Jha, Indian Ambassador, Tokyo)

S.No. (114-A) FR

Put up with papers in due course.

Sd/- B.K. Acharya
25/9/

Submitted with papers.

5/10/57
S/15/

from pre-page

There are two issues outstanding on both of which it may be necessary to await the orders of the Prime Minister. The first is as to whether steps should be taken to bring the ashes of Netaji back to India, on which the Ambassador has sought decision. Since the Prime Minister is visiting the Rankoji Temple, it is likely that his final orders will be given on his return. There appears to be ^{all} initiative from the family of Netaji.

Secondly, the National Museum have sought instructions as to the final disposal of the contents of the box containing certain papers and objects gathered presumably from the site of the accident in which Netaji was killed. This box was deposited in the National Museum in 1953. P.M. then ordered that there was no question of holding an exhibition of these objects, but the articles were of historical interest and, therefore, were ~~dealt~~ with the National Museum. There does not seem to be any other more suitable place where these objects can be kept, even though they are not publicly exhibited. Orders on this reference may also have to be obtained from the P.M. on his return.

Enclosed herewith to remain
with you (J.S. MEHTA)

Copy to S.P.I or S.D.I hrs 001 or 002 returning on 10/10/57

N.G.O.

To do, addressed and sent. N.G.O. Section at 0.00 P.M. - 001

Q.H.D. 002

Resubmitted with reference to DS (E) & note above:

18-10-57

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DS (E)

Enclosed herewith

Enclosed herewith

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from pre-page

F.S. may kindly see my note of the 10th October. He may wish to obtain P.M's orders on:

- (a) Whether any steps should be taken to bring back the ashes of Netaji to India? The latest orders may be seen in the summary of the majority report at flag 'L' (para 15).
- (b) Whether the box containing certain other relics of Netaji collected at the time of the air crash should remain with the National Museum or be transferred to some other suitable place? P.M's earlier orders on this point are at flag 'R'.

J. S. Mehta
(J.S. MEHTA)
25/10/57
Deputy Secretary (E)
Tele: No. 32119

F.S.

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Controversy in regard to the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose has not yet ended, at least so far as some members of his family are concerned. Prime Minister decided therefore, on receipt of the Netaji Enquiry Committee's report that no attempt should yet be made to bring the ashes of Netaji back to India.

For the same reason, the sealed box containing the relics of Netaji Bose should continue to be kept in the National Museum.

No further action will be taken at this stage.
(S. Dutt),
29-10-57

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WCCD

DS(E)

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Issue D.O. letter dictated and with reference to para 2 put up a U.O. note to the National Museum.

J. S. Mehta
(J.S. MEHTA)
29/10/57

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Ministry of External Affairs.
NGO Section

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Reference DS(E)'s note on prepage:

A fair u.o. note to the Education Ministry is put up.

30-10-57

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DS(E)

AMUL
30/10

'for signature'
MLB
30/10 (K.S.E)
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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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I am sending you some photographs of my visit to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. Just before I left Japan, I heard that Shri Amiya Bose, son of Shri Sarat Chandra Bose, had reached Tokyo. He had previously, when I was in India, informed me that he was going there. I should like you to write to our Ambassador at Tokyo to find out from him what Shri Amiya Bose did in Tokyo. Did he go to our Embassy? Did he visit this Renkoji Temple?

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
25.11.1957Issued
27.11.

ES

Mr. Nehru
Re: letter to Shri
Jha.

B(E)
Pmt A
28/11

MB

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AS(E) Will AS(XP) be interested?

B. K. Acharya
28/11

DS(XP) (or DS 10) may please see
of any of these photographs can be published
at the stage

p. Nehru
29/11

~~DS(XP)~~ we have retained the photographs.
one of the photographs has already
been published.

P. D. H. K. O.
30/11

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DS(E.A.)

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NGO section may see and kindly say whether any
reply to F.S.'s letter at Sl No 2 was received by them.
In case they did not receive it, we would remind them.

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N.G.O.

W. dated
18.2.58

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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NGO Section may kindly see and remove 11 copies
of Memorandum No.F.25(4)NGO dated 6th September, 1956
alongwith one draft which has been found lying in
D.O.R.O. 168-USCC(45)/SC.

U.S(C&S)'s almirah.

DMS (H.S.P.H.)

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Copies and
Draft destroyed
by burning

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21/2/58.

cf. Encl. 91 in
S/C. report
(Report beginning
1-10-1956)

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
NGO Section

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D.5141-NGO/58

S. No. 129-A (FR)

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Put up with reference., previous papers
and a brief note.

Sd/- B.K. Acharya
5/9/58

131

Submitted with papers.

On Government's instructions our Ambassador
in Tokyo took over possession of gold, jewellery etc.
from one Mr. Murthi, the then custodian in Tokyo.
Details of the items of the 'Treasure' may kindly be
seen at S.No.40-B. Besides this, the amount of
₹ 20,000 handed over in cash by Shri Iyer, in the
then Japanese currency, was subsequently transferred
to India (equal to Rs.265/10/-) and passed on to
the INA Relief Fund.

It was not possible to make a more detailed
list of the items of the 'Treasure' as the packages
contained quantities of broken bits of jewellery.
On PM's directions the articles were deposited in
the National Museum.

As for an enquiry on Netaji's collections,
we agreed with our Ambassador that investigations,
if any, should be confidential and ~~conducted~~ without
causing any embarrassment to/Mission.

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18.9.58

18/9
JS(E)

This should be resubmitted
on my return from tour.
I see no urgency.

B.K. Acharya

Resubmitted
27/9/58

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JS(E)

Our Ambassador may 19/9
have spoken to F.S. about
this at Tokyo. P.T.O.

To P.S. on return for his
misbehaviour.

(Draw prepared.)

B.Z. Acharya
3/10

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I think the best course will be for Shri Jha to take up the matter with the Japanese Foreign Office. He can transmit to them the information which has reached the Embassy and ask the Foreign Office for their advice as to how best this matter could be pursued. I also think that it should be made clear to the Japanese authorities that the Government of India have no intention of entering upon any protracted civil proceedings in this matter. The Ambassador may refer to the high esteem and veneration in which the memory of the late Shri Bose is held in India and add that apart from the sentimental value of anything connected with him, it would be in keeping with the late Shri Bose's struggle for giving a better deal to the poor people of his country to let any treasure left by him be utilised for some humanitarian purpose.

Approved
F.S.

JSE/1284/58

D.5324-A

S. Dutt
(S. Dutt)
11-10-58

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JSE

Issue d.o. below.

135-A

B.Z. Acharya
(B.K. Acharya)
13-10-1958

DS(E)

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NGO Section

Dy. No. 6584-NGO/58

S. No. 136-A (FR)

Papers urgently please.

Sd/- J. S. Mehta.
29/11/58

Submitted with papers. Minutes 115 and 116 Flag 'Z'
and S.Nos. 163-A (para 15 flagged 'L') and 118-A (Flag 'W')
are relevant.

In this connection it may be recalled that there
have been a few questions on Parliament on the subject.

~~1/11/58~~
~~17/11~~
~~DS(E)~~

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JS may kindly see the FR from our First Secretary
in Tokyo. The Japanese Government have informally
enquired whether we intend removing the ashes of Netaji
Subash Chandra Bose from Japan.

2. While, in principle, the PM had approved that we
would bring the ashes back with due ceremony to India,
action has been kept pending in view of the dissenting
report of Netaji's brother, who was on the Enquiry Committee
appointed in 1956. It seems the family is still not
reconciled to the evidence of the death of Netaji in the
air crash in Taiwan.

3. The question for decision is whether despite this
hint, we should allow the ashes to remain in the Renkoji
Temple at least for the time being or ~~whether~~ possible
controversy consider repatriating ~~them~~ to India. Prima facie
unless the Japanese reaffirm this demand in earnest, it may
be expedient to leave the ashes where they are at least
for sometime more.

J. S. Mehta
(J. S. Mehta)
2.12.58

JS(E)

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DS(E)'s note above may be seen. While it is true that the
Japanese Foreign Office have not yet pressed us strongly regarding
the removal of the ashes of Netaji Bose, it would be apparent from the
FR. that Mr. Miyake has given sufficient hints to indicate that the

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Japanese Govt would like the removal of the ashes to India to be arranged early. Ambassador Jha, with whom I discussed the question, was of the view that a more formal approach from the Japanese Foreign Ministry was not likely in view of the political background of the present Japanese Government who would not like to be associated publicly with the handing over of Shri Bose's ashes.

2. The ashes have been at the Renkoji Temple for a long time and the priest of the temple has suggested to us more than once that the ashes should be removed to India.

3. I mentioned to Shri Jha our difficulties in the matter connected with the attitude of Shri Bose's family as well as of some of his followers in West Bengal. Shri Jha was of the view that even if a memorial to Netaji Bose could not be considered at this stage, the ashes at least should be brought to India quietly and kept in the custody of Government.

4. Even as regards the attitude of Shri Bose's followers in West Bengal, FS is aware of the recent agitation in Calcutta over the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. The demand of the majority of the agitators was that the statue of Netaji Bose should first be put up before the ^{any} statue of Mahatma Gandhi. This would seem to indicate that even some of Netaji Bose's followers may now have reconciled themselves to putting up a memorial for Netaji Bose. FS may like to consult PM and also write to Dr. B.C. Roy for his views regarding the removal of Netaji's ashes.

gse/2391/58

D. 6589 - 9B

FS

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B.K.Acharya
(B.K. Acharya)
3.12.'58

I shall be going to Calcutta on Dec 19 & discuss this matter with Dr. Roy. Please put up on 18.12.58

S. K. Ma. 18.12.58

Returned by
J. S.
to be called
in
12.12.58
by me

~~SECRET~~

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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D. 7682-~~JS~~
I had a discussion with Dr. B.C. Roy in Calcutta about
the matter mentioned in the attached copy of a letter from our
Embassy in Tokyo. Dr. Roy told me that the members of the
Forward Bloc in Bengal are still protesting that Shri Subhas
Bose is not dead. Dr. Roy sent for two leaders in my
presence and asked them to reconsider their attitude. They
promised to do so. Let us await a further communication
from Dr. Roy.

E/2793/58

S. Dutt
(S. Dutt)
24-12-58.

JSE *Brn A*
NS(E) *26/12*
PM *27/VII*

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Ministry of External Affairs.

D. 5928-*fs*

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The Secretary to the President should see. As the President was leaving the Renkhoji temple at Tokyo(I was in the third car with the Chief of Protocol) a gentleman handed over to me an envelope addressed to the President. This envelope contained a letter and a photograph of Netaji Subhas Bose with the General Officer Commanding of the Japanese forces at Bangkok. In fact it was a copy of an original photograph. As far as I recollect I handed this over to Shri Handa (or ~~say~~ it the MSP) with a request to place it before the President. Will the Secretary to President kindly find out where the photograph is and let us know ?

S. Dutt
(S. Dutt)
6-11-58.

The Secretary to the President.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE
PRESIDENT OF INDIA.

Dy. No 604-FR/58

Date 7/11/58

D. 5992-*fs*

NAKAMURA

143
The letter of 4th Oct. from A. Nakamura
and the 2 photographs which accompanied it together
with the envelope in which they came - were sent
to the President. The President ^{said} desired to return
them to the Foreign Secy if desired.
I am sending them back in a holey cover

Antrik
8.11.58

Foreign Secy. (Dr S. Dutt).

S.P.O.U.O. NO: D. 604-FR/58 DT. 8.11.58.

JSE

8.11.58

Returned to Mys for safe custody
B. R. Acharya
17/2/59

AM (L.S.E)
Mys

TOP SECRET

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Ministry of External Affairs

I have spoken to F.S. and propose to reply to Shri P.K.Banerjee as in my letter which I am placing on the file. Before I do so, however, I would be glad if D.S.(C) could kindly go through the enclosure carefully, and He may have some suggestions to make.

K.L.M.
(K.L.Mehta)

10. 3. 61

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DS(C)

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I have discussed with F.S(E). Pl. see

letter.

28.8.61 DS(C)/61

DS(C)

N.S.O may pl. see the letter and
keep the file

Boopathi Krishnan
15/3
16.3.61

N.S.O

16/3

ASHES OF NETAJI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE

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On November 23, 1953, the Priest of the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo wrote to the Prime Minister the following letter :

"I am the priest of Renkoji, Buddhist temple in the suburbs of Tokyo City. I have the honour to send this letter to you, guided by the soul of the late Subhash Chandra Bose ji. I have been keeping the ashes of Netaji safely, and praying for the repose of his soul since September 18 in 1945. Eight years have already passed since that time. Japan was under Occupation eight years ago, during which Japanese people were living their stormy life in social confusion. Therefore, apprehensive of consequences, none would accept Netaji's ashes to keep it safely.

"I, a stranger to the late Netaji, was asked to keep the ashes by people who were strangers to me including Indians of whom I have never heard since that time. I thought anyone's soul should be warmly worshipped under whatever circumstances. According to such belief as a religionist who serve the spiritual world, I have secretly been guarding Netaji's ashes at the risk of my life. I have been so watchful that even small noises at midnight startle me.

"In June 1951, Ex-Indian Ambassador to Japan, His Excellency, K.K. Chettur, invited me to his official residence. And I was officially asked to keep the ashes by him, as the representative of the Indian Government. The witness was Mr. Tamura, Chief of the Ceremony Section of the Foreign Office of Japan. So my responsibility and duties for keeping the ashes have become more important.

"Frankly speaking, I must inform you that, in spite of many inconveniences and trouble I underwent in keeping the ashes, I have never received any help privately and officially. But I believe I can keep up Netaji's soul perfectly by recognizing the importance of duties assigned me and with my strong belief as a religionist.
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"Now Japan is/under Occupation. The peaceful relations between Japan and India have been reestablished. So, it is meaningless and pity for the late Netaji that his ashes should be kept in a temple of a foreign country, lonely and secretly, after all his vain efforts to bring about the independence of India and happiness of Asia. I think now is the time when such a significant plan as vivifies the historical achievements and sacred spirit of Netaji eternally for both Asia and mankind should be adopted.

"During the latest equinox week, I dreamed a strange dream of Netaji two nights on end. The dream was enough to make me lose the peace of my mind as a religionist.

"Such is the background of my taking the liberty of expressing my personal view in this letter, which I write as a religionist and a priest who is charged with such an important responsibility by the Indian Government.

"I should be much obliged if you would kindly understand me, and send me, directly if possible, any suggestions you may have as to the disposal of the late Netaji's ashes."

2. The Indian Embassy in Tokyo was asked to thank the Priest and also to help him in any way the Ambassador thought proper including financially. The Embassy thanked the Priest and told him that at the proper time the ashes would be taken to India. They also offered him financial assistance which the Priest declined to accept saying that he had kept the ashes voluntarily because of his high regard for Subash Babu, which made it impossible for him to accept any money.

He wanted a public statement from us regarding the genuineness of the ashes so that the Indian visitors who had been behaving with disrespect would stop doing so. He also wanted a receptacle for keeping the ashes. The Embassy added that the Priest had genuine regard for Subash Babu and this is derived from his sincere, though metaphysical and ill-founded, belief, that Japan's Asian venture, if successful, would have been the fulfilment of a noble and humanitarian purpose. However, the Indian Ambassador in Tokyo came to Delhi soon after this and suggested that no action might be taken about the casket etc. as he would try to collect funds in Burma and take the casket from there.

On 23rd June 1954, our Ambassador in Tokyo wrote :

"The Priest of the Renkoji temple is anxious for a recognition of his own status as the keeper of the ashes. Opinion of Indians here is divided. Any recognition, therefore, would be a source of controversy. It would not so much matter about the Indians locally, but the opinion in Bengal refuses to accept the fact of Netaji's death and, therefore, of the genuineness of the ashes. I would, therefore, suggest that so long as we can, we should try and keep things as they are until opinion in Bengal changes to accept the fact of his death."

3. In July 1955, the Embassy asked for Ministry's instructions as to whether they could participate in a memorial service for Subash Chandra Bose being organised by the Priest of Renkoji Temple. The Ministry's reply was : "Prime Minister stated in Parliament two years ago that, in the circumstances, we had to accept the fact of death. Therefore, there is no difficulty in our taking up this position publicly." In August-September 1955, there was some controversy over the memorial service. In this connection, the following extract from the telegram from our Embassy in Tokyo explains the position :

"Briefly a second service was held by Renkoji Temple authorities on 18th September. Japanese Government having erroneously decided against representation at 18th August service changed their previous* stand about attendance at a private memorial service in Temple and attended this second service. Japanese Foreign Office was warned clearly that this behaviour of the Temple authorities in holding a second service would arouse controversy particularly if Japanese government were represented in any manner specially in face of their abstention from the correct* memorial service on 18th August. We suspect Japanese are somehow anxious for transfer of ashes and have therefore encouraged controversial publicity now. Our stand* is that having attended the correct 10th anniversary Memorial Service on 18th August we should not be pressed* into attending another service so soon thereafter otherwise Japanese may hold a service every month as they have hinted they well might just to accentuate controversy and show that India is defaulting in taking over the ashes. So far as the Temple authorities are concerned they seem to be looking forward to some monetary reward from us for keeping the ashes. Would request your clear instructions after you have seen our detailed report mentioned above."

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There was some controversy in the Parliament about this Memorial Service, in the course of which the Prime Minister stated that the "Government have felt that in this matter (question of bringing Netaji's ashes to India) no steps should be taken without the approval of the family of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose."

After this, "The Netaji Enquiry Committee" headed by Shaw Nawaj Khan was constituted.

In August 1956 this Committee submitted its Report. It had come to the conclusion that Netaji met his death on 18th August 1945 in a plane crash at Taihoku in Formosa.

Two days later on the 20th, his body was cremated and the ashes kept temporarily in Honganji temple in that City. On

7th September 1945, they were flown to Tokyo

and have since been lying in the Renkoji

temple. The Report recommended that

Netaji's ashes, which had been in Tokyo for

11 years, should be brought to India in a befitting manner and interred with a

suitable monument over them. The Govt. of

India, however, were of the view that in

deciding this question, regard had to be paid to the feelings of the members of his family.

It would be most unfortunate if a controversy

arose over what should be the sacred ceremonies,

and, therefore, it was best to leave the question

of bringing over the ashes to India for future consideration.

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In July 1957, the Priest of Renkoji Temple again wrote to the Prime Minister asking whether the Government of India would now, in view of the Enquiry Committee report, like to consider the question of bringing the ashes back. The Embassy in Tokyo was requested to suitably inform the Priest that the controversy in regard to the death had not yet ended, at least so far as some members of Netaji's family were concerned and that, in view of this, no attempt should be made to bring the ashes back to India. The present arrangements should continue. In November 1957, the Priest again wrote to the Prime Minister saying :

"On November 8, I received a letter from His Excellency Ambassador Jhaw, telling that you had asked me to agree to preserving Netaji's ashes safely further hereafter. Of course, I agree with you of this matter. But I feel Netaji's **shoul** is anxious to return to his fatherland as soon as possible."

In November 1958, the Embassy reported as follows :

"Last month, I went to see Mr. Miyake, Deputy Director of the Asian affairs Bureau in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He asked me when the Government of India proposed to remove Shri Bose's ashes. He explained that this was a personal enquiry as the priest had been feeling uncomfortable about the continued presence of the ashes in the temple. According to Mr. Miyake, it is not the custom in Japan for ashes to be kept continuously in temples. They are normally retained for a short period and then transferred to the family grave or shrine. Moreover, the priest also feels that he is getting old and that he should not leave the ashes to others after his death. I explained to Mr. Miyake that there had been no request from either Mr. Bose's family in Austria or his relatives in India and we may be embarrassed by having these ashes in India since, among Hindus, the ashes are cast into a river or otherwise scattered. Mr. Miyake said that, in any case, it would be more appropriate for the ashes to be disposed of in India than retained indefinitely in Japan.

"I have reported this matter to the Ambassador who agrees that there is no force in Mr. Miyake's argument particularly when we are officially taking steps to transfer the ashes to Shri Rash Behari Bose and arrangements are being made for keeping them in India.

"This matter is being reported for your

information and for any comments
you may wish to make. I would also like
some guidance as to what I should say
to Mr. Miyake ~~as~~ if he again
raises this question, as I feel he will."

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D.O.No.55-CM
Chief Minister
West Bengal.

Calcutta.

January 20, 1961

My dear Jawaharlal,

Your letter No.2474/PNH/60 of December 2,
1960, as also the letter dated January 11, 1961,
from your Private Secretary regarding ashes
of Subhas. I have asked the family but they
do not seem to have any definite idea about it.

Yours affectionately.

Sd/- B.C. Roy.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

D.O.No.815-CM.

Chief Minister

West Bengal

Calcutta.

The 4th December, 1960.

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My dear Jawahar,

Your letter.

I will try and find out about the arrangements for Subhas Bose's ashes. I do not know what the present attitude of the members of the family is. As you know, Subhas Bose's brother, Suresh Bose, is still of the opinion that Subhas is alive.

I will find out and let you know.

Yours affectionately,

Sd/- B.C. Roy.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

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No. 2474-PMH/60

December 2, 1960.

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My dear Bidhan,

On the agenda paper of the Lok Sabha today there was a resolution recommending to Government to make appropriate arrangements to fetch Subhas Bose's ashes from Tokyo and put up a memorial to him in front of the Red Fort in Delhi. This resolution was not reached. It may, however, come up some time later in the Session.

Our approach to this question has been in the past that we shall gladly help, but the initiative should come from Subhas Bose's family. If they wish to bring the ashes here, we shall make appropriate arrangements.

As for a memorial, I do not think that such a thing before the Red Fort in Delhi can be done. We have, in fact, reserved that place for a big monument - a memorial to all the martyrs of the Indian freedom struggle, and Roy Choudhury is making it. I should imagine that the ashes, if brought here, should be kept in Calcutta.

I should like to have your advice in this matter as to what attitude I should take up.

Yours affectionately,

Sd/- Jawaharlal Nehru.

Dr. B.C. Roy,
Chief Minister of West Bengal,
Calcutta.

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~~Ministry of External Affairs~~

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Dear Sir, We have the honor to inform you that our
Government has received a comprehensive note from
the Embassy of India, New Delhi, dated 25th October 1966,
in which the Indian Government has requested us to
see the enclosed letter from the Embassy of India,
Tokyo. Director (East Asia) has asked for a
comprehensive note stating the reasons for our
earlier decision, and the demand made by some
for bringing Netaji's ashes to India. We were
able to find files Nos. 25/4/NGO-51 Vol. I and
25/4/NGO Vol. II in the NGO section. However,
the NGO records are not complete. It is possible
that some papers are in the PM's Secretariat.
We are particularly looking for correspondence
on this matter following a letter from our Embassy
in November 1958, part of which has been reproduced
on page 5 of the incomplete comprehensive note
enclosed herewith. It would be much appreciated
if Prime Minister's Secretariat could kindly let
us have any papers they might have on the
subject.

B.P. Agarwal

(B.P. AGARWAL)
UNDER SECRETARY (EAST ASIA)

Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri Natwar Singh, D.S.)
M.E.A. U.O. No. 8300-NGO/66 dated 7-10-66.

Urgent
S.E. fol.
PP pl.
Natwar Singh
7-10-66

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8) From overleaf.

Prime Minister's Secretariat

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A copy of the correspondence exchanged between the late Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, and the late Chief Minister of West Bengal on the subject in December 1960 and January, 1961 is placed below. No other relevant paper pertaining to the period subsequent to November, 1958 is available with this Secretariat.

K. Natwar Singh

(K. Natwar Singh)
Deputy Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri B.P. Agarwal)
P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. 2(381)/60-66-PM dated 19-X-66

I discussed ¹⁵⁴ with Dir (EA). Necessary information for the visit to Tokyo was taken by him. Dir (EA) may kindly see regarding a reply to Shri Dixit's letter to DIR.

There were one or two perambut gushas of late. These files are being sent separately.

DS(EA)

18th Jan
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If the Rankoiji temple insists on handing over the ashes to us, we could bring them over to India and keep them securely in the National Museum along with Netaji's other relics. If we do this openly making it clear that the problem is still not finally solved, the family of Subhash Babu cannot very well object. The question of their dispersal according to Hindu beliefs can be taken up after some more time passes and there is no probability of Netaji's survival. It does not seem very fair to continue to burden these foreigners with our problem.

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(A. K. Damodaran).
8.xi.66.

Dir. EA

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The question of the disposal of the ashes of Netaji now kept in Tokyo temple is a very complicated one. As far as the Government is concerned, they have accepted the findings of the Shaw Nawaj Khan Committee and have no difficulty in treating the ashes as those of Netaji. It is, however, a different matter for the family of Netaji who still believe that he is alive. I, therefore, doubt very much whether the family will accept the idea of the ashes being kept in the Netaji Museum in Calcutta. Of course, other articles belonging to Netaji are exhibited in this museum but they are different because they are not intended to show that he is no more. Far from agreeing to the ashes being brought to India and exhibited in the museum, the relatives, family as well as politicians, might raise an agitation against the Government for trying to assert that Netaji is dead. Therefore, unless the family gives its consent, it would not be appropriate to try to bring the ashes to India now. It seems to me that the only thing we can do at present is to give some financial assistance to the Priest who is now looking after the ashes in the Tokyo temple. I shall be grateful if F.S. will see to this and give his advice.

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New York
(K.R. Narayanan)
Director (East Asia)

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Liber discuss how we can proceed
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Discussed with Dir. EA.

2. As long as there are some people who genuinely believe that these ashes are not those of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, it would be improper and inadvisable for us to take charge of them. At the same time, the fact that the Rankoji Temple and this particular priest have so devotedly looked after the Urn containing the ashes and Netaji's other belongings for all these years shows their great affection and loyalty towards our country and the memory of a great national hero. Such devotion deserves some recognition from us. Without in any way committing ourselves to the identity of the ashes, we could recompense the Priest and the Temple by some annual grant which would not be for the custody of these ashes but as a reward for their long-standing loyalty to India. This, while formally the purpose of the grant would be in recognition of their services to our country, it would, in fact, serve as some sort of compensation for the trouble they are taking in looking after the Urn containing the ashes. A payment for the custody of the Urn itself would be open to many objections but by thus expressing our gratitude in tangible terms, we would earn the appreciation of the Priest and the Temple and would also ensure that the Urn and other Indian property now lying in the Temple would be properly looked after.

3. An annual payment of Rs. 5,000 seems to be sufficient for this purpose. We could, in the first instance, sanction it as a grant for 1967 and get it renewed every year.

4. In view of the political importance of the subject, we hope there would be no difficulty in finding the funds for this purpose. It would be most unhappy development if, due to some default on the part of these custodians of the Urn or the Temple authorities, some damage is done to this Urn or its contents and it is later on confirmed that the ashes are those of Netaji Bose. This annual expenditure will not be too much to pay in order to ensure their safety. Even if it finally transpires that the ashes are not genuine, still this amount would, in no way, be an excessive compensation for the Priest's general friendliness towards India as shown in the devotion with which he has looked after the Urn and other property of Netaji. However, we do not know which Ministry would be able to provide funds for such a purpose. The Ministry of Education, Cultural Department, might have some funds for the encouragement of friendship of India with other countries through cultural media, either directly or through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. Since such a gesture would definitely be conducive towards promoting Indo-Japanese friendship, we could request that Ministry to let us know whether they could spare some funds for this purpose. Another source would be the Ministry of Finance. We shall be very grateful if Director (Finance) could kindly examine this suggestion and indicate whether it would be possible for us to get some funds from our own Ministry. The background of the case is explained in earlier notes from page 1 and the letter to Shri Narayanan from Shri Dixit of 26th Sept. (below).

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(A. K. Damodaran)

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Dir. (Finance).

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It is, indeed, difficult for me to express any firm view in regard to the incidence of expenditure on an extremely delicate purpose. If it were a question of making payment for custody of "the ashes", it would, perhaps, have been in order to suggest that the Ministry of Education should meet the expenditure. But, the ashes having not been pronounced genuine, one has to find justification for incurring the expenditure on their safe retention abroad. It is not clear from what source the expenditure was incurred on the Netaji Enquiry Committee in 1956. In any case, if the purpose of the expenditure is not to be disclosed - which, I presume, is the intention - , it can be met only from Discretionary Grants of this Ministry. We have no funds for this in our budget for the current year, nor have any steps been taken to make provision for this in the budget estimates for the next financial year. If the intention is to start the first instalment of Rs.5,000/- from the next financial year, we should make a specific provision in the budget for this purpose. I suggest that the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance may be taken to including the necessary provision under the Discretionary Grant allotted to this Ministry for being expended through the Missions.

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(V. Doraiswamy)
Director (Finance)
16.12.66

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D.S. (E.A.). 'A' also.
28 D.S. agrees, we may as b Today o about their
comes about & our proposal before we take up
the matter with M/F.

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Discussed. Issued to Sri Desai.

Adanday
24/12/66

M.G.O.

Dy No. 920 / NG 0167 - - - - - P.R. (SNO 165-A)

on file
Sd: A. Damodaran

Submitted please.

Re
2/2/67
U.S. (E.A.)
D.S. (S.A.)

Adelphi
2/2/67
H. Agarwal
2/2/67

This case concerns the custody of the ashes of Netaji in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The Chief Priest had suggested to our Embassy that he would like to hand over the ashes to us. We made a counter proposal that we could pay to the Temple a small annual grant. This would enable us to ensure safe custody of the ashes pending agreement by all parties concerned including the members of Netaji's family that the ashes are genuine.

2. Our Embassy has now informed us that the temple authorities are agreeable to the suggestion and they would continue to keep custody of the ashes.

3. FS had last seen the papers in November, when he agreed to the suggestion that some financial assistance could be given to the Priest. We may now initiate action for providing the amount of Rs. 5,000 in the discretionary grant allotted to this Ministry for being expended through the Mission during the financial year 1967-68, if necessary by re-appropriation. The file can be sent to the Finance Ministry, after FS has approved.

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(A. K. Damodaran).
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D.S.(E.A.)

Ministry of Finance may kindly see Notes from Page 7 onwards regarding the case. In view of the importance of the case, we shall be grateful if H.I.F. give their concurrence to include the provision for Rs 5000/- in the Discretionary Grant for 87-68.

Dy. Fin. Admin (E.A.)

Adaman
13.12.67

The proposal in this file is an unusual one and relates to the grant of a subsidy of about Rs.5,000/- from out of the discretionary funds with the E.A. Ministry for being paid to the authorities in charge of the Renkoji temple in Tokyo, wherein the ashes, believed to be of Netaji, have been kept all these years. The temple authorities have been, for quite some time, pressing for the custody of the ashes being taken over by us. Even though the Government of India have officially accepted the report of the findings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Enquiry Committee on Netaji that Netaji was killed in an air accident in September, 1945, it is felt by the E.A. Ministry that the idea of officially accepting the ashes or bringing them over to India, may not be acceptable to the family of Netaji and other political groups who have ~~maintained~~ ascertained that Netaji is not dead. With a view to avoid political and other complications, it has been proposed that the temple priest be given payment of Rs.5,000/- per annum for some years, ostensibly for the renovation and preservation of the temple. The payment is not proposed to be directly linked with the priest agreeing to retain the custody of the ashes but to be given in consideration of the temple authorities' loyalty towards India and Netaji for a number of years. Our Mission in Tokyo has reported that the chief priest is agreeable to receive this grant in the form suggested by the MEA and apparently, in consideration of the same, wouldnt be pressing for the ashes to be taken over by us till such time as we are ready to take over the same.

2. I discussed this case with Director (East). He expressed the view that it may not be desirable or even feasible to take over the ashes and maintain the same in our Embassy on account of the attendant publicity and other difficulties including the preservation of the same in a manner befitting the memory of the deceased leader. He agrees that the grant

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if made without any stipulation is likely to be taken as permanent by the recipients and it might be difficult to stop the same in future even after the need for making such payment has ceased to exist. He is, therefore, agreeable to make it clear to the recipient that the grant is being made for an initial period of 3 years subject to review later on. By doing this, we may be able to stop payment of this grant at the most within a period of one or two years after we have taken over the custody of the ashes.

3. In view of these considerations and the political factors mentioned, we may agree to the E.A. Ministry making these payments for an initial period of 3 years. The question for the renewal of this aid could be considered from time to time. As the amount involved is not much, it should be possible for the E.A. Ministry to meet the expenditure within their existing budget provision under discretionary grant, for the current year

Anirikshana Moorthy
(S.P.Krishnamurthy),
22.2.1967

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I would suggest an initial payment of Rs 5000 without giving the impression that it is an annual affair. The provision could be reviewed from year to year.

Dir (East) - Shri Narayanan.

M. S. Sundar
24.2.67

Date
8/2
24/2/67

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Please kindly take appropriate action
Keep in file C Adm. Division.

Narayanan

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D.S.(E.S.I) may kindly see before
we write to Togo.

A. D. Sundar

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DS(P.S.I)

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Reference letter on pre-page.

A sanction for Rs. 5000/- has been issued in favour of Embassy of India, Tokyo, a copy of which has been placed in the file.

S.S. (E.A) may kindly rec. He may like to reply to Shri Dixit's letter at S.No. 165-A and inform him of the issue of the sanction.

Submitted.

Adarsh

6/3/67

JS(EA)

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Issue letter to our Counsellor in Tokyo.

Mr. Kobayashi mentioned to me the question of bringing Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's ashes to India informally at the dinner given by the Secretary-I for the Japanese Delegation. I have in terms of the conversation written a letter to our Counsellor in Tokyo. The substance of this conversation was also mentioned to Ambassador Banerji who told me that he had also discussed this subject with Secretary-I although he was quite unaware of the Japanese Government's move in the matter. Secretary-I may kindly see.

Manjit Singh

(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)
31-1-1968

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Dir (EA)

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Ap. 6/2/68
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Pl. take necessary action to sanction
the payment this year.

Sd/- Manjit Singh.
Dir (EA).
19.2.68.

A fair sanction letter for Rs. 5000/- is
in favour of Embassy of India, Tokyo.
put OSD (IF)'s signature.

Secy-I may kindly see before issue
of the sanction.

OSD (IF)

SLR

P.S. Tewari
21.2.68

(From pre-page).

(65) Secretary I may kindly accord
approval for payment of Rs 5,000/-
towards care and custody of Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose's ashes by
Rev. Mochizuki of Bentoji Temple Tokyo.

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Supt.

Michael
24/1/68

Ans
OSD/

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As Dir(E.A.) is aware we have
made a payment of Rs 5000/- to the
Priest of Bentoji temple in Tokyo
twice (once in 1967 & 2nd time in
Feb 68) for looking after the ashes
of late Subhash Bose which
is kept in the temple.

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In view of the position
explained in Embassy's letter
dt- 21.3.68, we will have
to make a payment of Rs 5000/-
to the Chief ad-hoc Grant
Financial Priest during the
of the D.G. If affirmed 68 out
may make a payment in
amount in the Provision of this
for 1968 - 69.

The E.A. may kindly see to
be affirmed.

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We have made a provision of Rs.5000/- in current year's Budget for payment to the priest of Renkoji Temple in Tokyo for looking after the ashes of late Subash Chander Bose. The last payment was made to the Priest in Feb.'68. As discussed with Dir.(E.A.) the sanction for payment of this amount for this year may be submitted for approval to the Foreign Secretary.

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Ministry of External Affairs.
NCC Section.

Fair sanction for Rs. 5,000/- in favour of Embassy of India, Tokyo is put up for OSD (IF) signature
OSD (Ext.) may kindly see.

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OSD (IFT)

Mangat Singh
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Please take up with Finance if necessary and get the sanction issued
 Sd/- V.V. Paranjape 197M
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I gather you have previous papers.
 Will you please deal with this? 198M
 Sd/- V.V. Paranjape

N.G.O.

A sum of Rs 5000/- per annum is being paid from D.G. since 1967 to the Priest of Kenko Temple, Tokyo, through E/I, Tokyo, for looking after the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This sum is being sanctioned on a year to year basis and the last payment was made during March 1969. — 196M

2. Our Ambassador at Tokyo has recommended continuance of this annual payment so that the ashes of Netaji are kept with due care and reverence by the Chief Priest of Kenko Temple, Tokyo. We may submit these papers to F.S. for his approval to the payment of Rs 5000/- from D.G. during the current financial year.

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F.S.

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Fair Sanction for Rs 5000/- is put up
for OSD(1F)'s signature.T.P.W.
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Secretary(E) recommended the grant of a sum of Rs. 5,000/- as Discretionary Grant for our Ambassador in Tokyo for making effective use of our press relations in Japan, as no Discretionary Grant had earlier been placed at the disposal of the Ambassador. Accordingly a sum of Rs. 5,000/- was sanctioned in our letter of 16.1.1971. The Mission has however enquired whether this amount is meant for making the usual payment of Rs. 5,000/- to the Chief Priest, Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, where Netaji Subash Chander Bose's ashes are kept. We may clarify to the mission that the present sanction is for the Ambassador's Discretionary Grant.

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2. The annual payment of Rs. 5,000/- is being sanctioned every year on receipt of request therefor from the Mission. In view of their letter at 'FR' this amount may now be sanctioned.

The approval of the Secretary(E) may be solicited.

Anch
3/1/71

Brahmendra
30.1.71

Blanketkhan
1.2.71

US(IF)
Dir(ERA)
Secy(E)

I have problem to Secy E.
The grant of Rs. 5,000, suggested by
Secy E., is for Ambassador's discretionary
grant - not for the Renkoji
Temple. It is 17/2

Secy E may kindly approve the
grant:

- i) Discretionary Grant of Rs. 5,000 for Ambassador
in Tokyo
- ii) Annual payment of Rs. 5,000 to the
Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple
where Netaji's ashes are kept

L. Banerji
17/2

1/67/82 Secy(B)
17-2-71
R. B. Mukherjee
2/1/71

Secy E
NGO
Dir LT

R. Banerji
17/2/71

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Lef. note on page ante

Fair sanction of Rs. 5000/-
in favour of our Ambassador, Tokyo, for
making usual payment to Chief Priest, Bentohji
Temple, Tokyo, where the ashes of Nalaji
S.C. Box are kept kept is put up
for D.S. (I.F)'s signature.
^{L.W.R.R.T.M.F.R is done}
A fair letter is put up also
for signature please.

Revised
18/2/71

Dots

18/2/71

A. Newing

D.S.(I.F.)

N.G.O. Section

D.N.O. 2719. N.G.O./72
Dt. 8-3-1972

F.R.

Urgent.

Sd/- H.N. Rao

8-3-1972

A fair sanction for Rs. 5,672.42 is
put up for approval and signature by the
D.S.(I.F.).

A fair letter is also put up for
approval and signature as usual.

Will be issued
separately
after administration
approval is
acquired

8/3

J. Balakrishnan
8/3/72

J. S.C.E.A) being placed before
you. This is the annual Payment
to the Priest of Bentohji Temple.

D.S.(I.F.)

J. S.C.E.A)

A. Newing

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D.S.(I.F.) Please issue the sanction

8/3/72
S.H.B.C.

Sd/- 10/3

D.No. NGO/73 Receipt. P-210-A/Corr. (SI) (70)

Dt. 1-12-1973.

Position please.

Sd/- A.N.Rao,
17-11-1973.

This is the request from our Embassy in Tokyo for the release of funds for payment to the Chief Priest of Renkoji, Temple, Tokyo, for preserving the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in his safe custody.

In this connection it may be stated that we used to pay Yen 240,000 to the Chief Priest for this purpose annually on ad-hoc-basis. As there was no request received from the either i.e., 72-73, or during 73-74 so far, Embassy last year we have not released any funds for this project as a matter of course. If agreed, we may now issue financial sanction releasing funds for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 amounting to Rs.11,344.85 at the rate of Rs.5,672.42 per year.

Submitted for financial concurrence.

R
1/12/73

~~Do(F)~~

Memphla

1-12-73

It is not clear whether the payment for 1972-73 could be authorized in the absence of a satisfactory reply from the Embassy for not seeking its legislative sanction at the appropriate time. T.S.(EAT) may please see if it is possible to obtain the approval of administration concerned. We may first obtain the approval of T.S.(EAT).

A. Bhanwala
S/ln

~~T.S.(EAT)~~

Could you please examine? What is our official comment? If so, what for a reply this payment?

PS (SA) - S. Bhanwala.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EAST ASIA DIVISION)

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Reference JS(EA)'s note on pre-page.

2. It constitutes a somewhat unusual case involving the annual grant of a subsidy of Rs.5000 from out of the 'Discretionary Fund' of the MEA to the authorities in charge of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where the ashes, believed to be of Netaji, have been kept all these years. As indicated by the Note at Sl.No.170 (Flag 'A') on this file, these payments started from the year 1967 and were kept being made till the financial year 1971-72.

3. When this decision was taken in 1967, the view was expressed that even though the Government of India had officially accepted the report of the findings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Enquiry Committee on Netaji that Netaji was killed in an air accident in September 1945, the idea of officially accepting the ashes or bringing them over to India may not be acceptable to the family of Netaji and other political groups who have maintained that Netaji is not dead.

4. In order to avoid political and other complications, it was, therefore, decided in 1967 that the Renkoji Temple Priest be paid Rs.5000 per annum for some years, ostensibly for the renovation and preservation of the temple. Earlier the temple authorities had been, for quite some time, pressing for the custody of the ashes being taken over by the Government of India. But while deciding upon this annual payment of Rs.5000 to the temple priest the impression sought to be conveyed by us was that this payment was not to be directly linked with the priest agreeing to retain the custody of the ashes, but to be given in consideration of the temple authority's loyalty towards India and Netaji for a number of years. Our Mission in Tokyo subsequently reported that the temple priest was agreeable to this sort of an arrangement and that he would also not be pressing for the ashes to be taken over by us till such time as we were ready to take over the same.

5. Considering all this, it was, therefore, decided to initially sanction this annual payment of Rs.5000 for a period of 3 years only, so that no long-term commitment was involved on our part. It was obviously the intention of the Ministry at that stage to review this question on a year to year basis instead of making it an arrangement for an indefinite period.

6. After the expiry of this 3 year period, a fresh sanction was again issued for the year 1971-72.

7. In view of the background position given above, the following is for consideration:-

(a) Since no such payment was made to the Temple Priest in 1972-73, what was his reaction, if any, to this disruption of payment? Our Embassy in Tokyo should be in a position to throw some light on this.

(b) In case these payments are stopped, what are the chances of the Temple Priest reviving his earlier stand that we should take over these ashes? The views of our Mission in Tokyo should be sought on this also.

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(c) Presuming that these payments are stopped and the Temple Priest starts insisting that we take over the custody of these ashes would we be in a position to do so, keeping in view the possible political and other implications?

(d) If the only means by which we can ensure that the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple does not insist on our taking over these ashes is to continue making these payments to him and if we still want to avoid possible controversies in the event ~~if~~ these ashes are brought over to India, then there would appear to be no alternative, but to continue these payments. If the answers to the above questions are in the negative, then there would appear to be no reason for us to continue making these payments. In this context, it may also be mentioned that since the payments are made in Yens, the annual sum of Yen 240,000 will now work out to more than Rs.5000 on account of the Yen revaluation. Internal Finance should be in a position to work out the exact revised figure.

8. While reviewing this question, it would be interesting to recall the contents of a letter written on November 23, 1953 by the Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to the then Prime Minister of India (Flag 'B'). One particular portion in this letter is somewhat intriguing. To quote the Priest from this letter: "I, a stranger to the late Netaji was asked to keep the ashes by people who were strangers to me including Indians of whom I have never heard since that time. *****" A remark of this nature could throw doubt on the authenticity of these ashes and it is, therefore, for consideration whether we should continue making such payments in respect of an item whose authenticity would also appear to be in some doubt.

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27.11.73

JS (EA)

P.K. Budhwar
Deputy Secretary (EA)
6.12.1973

say, but up with me
We could fix the position
at n, h c, d & t at Ichbay
in Tokyo & take this traction
& balanced amount.
Do may kindly write to the
Secretary.

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D. (Through NCO)

Budhwar
6.12.1973

San HSC
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11/12/74

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Secret

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
EAST ASIA DIVISION

Reference my note dated 6.12.1973 on pre-page and JS(EA)'s comments on it. Subsequently, as desired, I wrote to our Embassy in Tokyo and the reply received recently from Shri P. Johari, Minister is placed opposite. The main points raised in Shri Johari's letter are:

- (a) These annual payments to the Renkoji Temple Priest should continue and sanctions for the financial years 1972-73 and 1973-74 be issued without any further delay;
- (b) The Japanese are keen that we bring the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose to India.

2. While a decision on point (b) above can perhaps be taken only in the light of various other considerations, particularly the findings of the Khosla Commission, it would appear that a decision on resuming these annual payments, including the arrears, will have to be taken soon.

3. Submitted for consideration.

P.K. Budhwar
(P.K. Budhwar)
Deputy Secretary (IC & EA)
17.5.1974

Recd back w/
NGO today
17/5/74

JS(EA)

This file has come ^{back} to me today, through the NGO, from the former J.S.(EA)'s M/s. The matter may be considered, in the light of the notes already recorded by me, so that an early decision is taken.

P.K. Budhwar
17/5/74

J.S.(EA) Through 1970

Sany (S.) may be

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To discuss this with F.M.

At present fact the late Netaji
shes can provoke powerful
emotional responses in
India and it may be
desirable to fulfil commitment
we have long accepted.

Wish S.P. (P.M.)

(Encypted)

The immediate need is to obtain reactors
for payment to the Rankaji Temple priest for 1972-73
and 1973-74. This has been long delayed and it
is essential that we make the payment quickly.

2. After this has been done, the P.P. may be resubmitted,
so that the matter can be discussed with F.M. on
the other question of bringing the astes back. My
initial reaction is that we shall need to wait
for some time for doing this in order to avoid
creating unnecessary controversy in India. Even
now the matter generates some heat in Pakistan and
elsewhere. We have waited so long and can wait
a little longer.

V.C.H.

15/6/74

F134(S(E))
17/6/74.

DS(EA)

D.S.(IF) is required
to have the necessary sanctions.

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for 1972-73 and 1973-74 issued
very early as this matter has
already suffered a good deal of
delay. Our Mission's letter
of Nov 13, 1973 to D.S. (IF) to
this effect is at Page X.

After the sanctions
have issued these
fl. be sent back
further consideration
second question.

FEB
19/6/74

D.S (IF) - through N.G.O.
(contd)

Gir/HBC
19.6.74

N.G.O. Section

As approved by Syc(E) a financial
sanction for Rs. 11,344.84 (Rupees Eleven thousand
three hundred forty four and paise eighty four
only) for payment of annual grant to the Chief
Priest, Rinkoji Temple in Japan at the rate of
Rs. 5,672.42 per year for the years 1972-73 and
1973-74 is put up for Dir(IF)'s approval and
signature. A fair D.O. letter ^{intimating the release of funds} is also put up
for signature.

H. M. P.
20.6.74

Dir(4)

D. N. Ranjan
28/6/74

Gir/HBC
22.6.74

Financial sanction for Rs. 11,344.84 @ Rs. 5,672.42
equivalent to yen 24,000 per year for the years 1972-73 and
1973-74 has since been issued. File may now be re-submitted
to DS (EA) as desired by him.

FEB
19.6.74

FEB
19.6.74

N. G. O. Section

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T-2271-NGO/75
Dt. 15-5-1975-

Receipt

P-216 H/Com

Previous papers please

Sd/- N. R. Verma

9-5-1975-

DS(EA)

Please put up on file.

Sd/- N.N. Haralu

12-5-1975-

subject is put up. As desired, the relevant file on the

15/5/75 -

as per
16.5.75

DS(EAI)

This is about the annual payment of ₹ 240,000 to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are kept.

J.S. (EA) is aware the annual payment for financial years 1972-73 and 1973-74 was made last year.

In view of the position explained in the Embassy's letter dated 8th May, 1974 (flag (X)) and also Secretary (E)'s note dated 15 June, 1974 ('B' on page 26 H), it would appear that the annual payment will have to be made for 1975.

Submitted for consideration.

Marah
(Miss) (N. Maralu)
Deputy Secretary (EAI)
19.5.75

~~DS (EA)~~ DS (EA) may pl. agree to
the sanction of ₹ 240,000. There
has been a recovery of part

26/5/NGO
1975

Hand in 20
Please put up sanction.
Sd/-

(For per-100)

A fair D.O. letter is put up to forward
and signature.

A draft sanction is also put up
for approval.

Proceeds

5.6.75

H. Narain Singh
S/6

D.K.(F)
T

NGO Section

JS(VN) desires to see this file
Littla fl.

HM
4/8/75

11/8/75

4.8.75

Below are the DOB, DAS & To Intervene Isurus and funds at sight
standard readable letters to receive and accept signed by JS(VN)
signed and enclosed

Other documents to Intervene Isurus and others at (A3) .2.c
• may have been seen AR-2721 and 28-2721

Initials of personnel and at handwritten notations will be given in
before noon on 'B' (2) customized date lines (X) will be given, and the handwritten
Isurus and Jitendra Bhandari (H. JS being no 'B') 2721, and at
2721 will also be of even like characters
initials, signatures and handwritten

(initials .H) (initials)
(A3) handwritten
S/6.8.75

(A3) .2.c

NGO

D.2771-NGO/76

Receipt

"Previous papers pl."

sd/- Miss N. Haralu
28/6

In this connection, former DS(EAI)'s notes on P 28/ante may pl. be seen. The sanction for Rs.5672/40 for the last financial year was issued vide P 217/A.

Subtd on file pl.

Div(EA)

Reference FR.I. The annual payment of Y240,000 to the Chief Priest of Renkeji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subhas Bose are kept is due for 1976.

2. Meanwhile, we have also received the FR.II from our Ambassador in Tokyo suggesting that action might be initiated in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs for arriving at a final decision on the repatriation of Netaji's ashes to India.

3. As it might take some time to process the Ambassador's suggestion, the annual payment for 1976 may be made.

4. In this connection kindly see our Embassy's letter F/X and Secretary(E)'s note dated June 15, 1974 on page 26.

Haralu
(N.N.Haralu)
Director(EA)
7.7.76.

JS(EA)
Secretary(E)

seen

F.I.A.C.



R.S.Kalha
First Secy.(P&I)

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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9.20 AM

21 June 1976.

Mrs. Hopkins

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My dear Miss Haralu,

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Please refer to correspondence resting with our letter No.TOK/753/TS/69-II dated the 6 May 1975 regarding the annual payment of ₹240,000 to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subhash Bose are kept.

2. This is just to remind you that the annual payment for 1976 is due and we would therefore be very grateful if the usual sanction is issued from the Ministry.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(R.S.Kalha)

Miss N.N.Haralu,
Director(EA)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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O.P. Gupta
Head of Chancery

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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No. TOK/753/TS/69-II

July 16, 1975

Dear Shri Rao,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.II dated the 6th June, 1975, regarding the annual payment to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple for looking after the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. Shri R.S. Kalha, First Secretary (P&I) visited the Temple and certified that an amount of ₹240,000 was handed over to the Chief Priest. The receipt given by the Chief Priest has been kept here on the relevant file.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

(O.P. Gupta)

Shri A.N. Rao,
Director(IF),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Shri KS
(18.7.75)

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A.N. Rao,
Director(IF).

(50) 2181

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.II

dated the 6 June, 1975.

Dear Shri Kalha,

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Please refer to your D.O. letter No.TOK/753/TS/69-II dated the 6th May, 1975, regarding the annual payment of Y.240,000 or Rs.5,672.40 to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, for the safe custody of the Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. A financial sanction for Rs.5,672.40 (Rupees Five thousand six hundred seventy two and paise forty only) is issued vide this Ministry's letter No.Q/BFI/753(1)/75 dated the 5th June, 1975 and sent to you separately.

Yours sincerely,

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(A.N. Rao)

Shri R.S. Kalha,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
TOKYO.

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NO.F.Q/BFI/753(1)/75
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, dated the 5th June, 1975.

The Ambassador of India in Japan,
TOKYO. (Shri S. Than).

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure.

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Sir,

I am directed to state that the allotment of Rs.5,672.40
(Rupees Five thousand six hundred seventy two and paise forty
only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of
your office for the year 1975-76, under 261-External Affairs-B.
3 Special Diplomatic Expenditure B.3(1) Discretionary
Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President
to an expenditure not exceeding Rs.5,672.40 (Rupees Five thousand
six hundred seventy two and paise forty only) being incurred by
you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and
certified in accordance with the rules and orders contained in
Government of India, Ministry of Finance O.M. No.F.17(50)E.II(A)/
59 dated 12.3.1960 and will be debit able to India Circle of
Accounts.

3. You will be the Controlling/Certifying Officer and the
First Secretary in your office the 'Disbursing Officer' for
the purpose of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated
over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with
detailed reasons therefor should immediately be reported to
this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving
in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon
as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment
should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this
Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown
separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(B.Krishnamurthi)
Under Secretary(BF)

Copy, with 1 s/c, forwarded to the A.G.C.R., New Delhi
(Miss P. Lal). This issues under the powers vested in this
Ministry.

1 s/c for budget folder.

(B. Krishnamurthi)
Under Secretary(BF)



R. S. Kalha
First Secretary

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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No. Tok/753/TS/69-II

6th May 1975

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T. 2271-N60/1 My dear Nathu
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pfs pl.

Please refer to the correspondence resting with Shri P. Johari, Minister's letter No. TOK.461(3)/74 dated 8th May, 1974, regarding the annual payment of Yen 240,000.- to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose are kept.

As we have mentioned in our letter under reference, it is essential that the annual payment be continued and hence are writing to inform you that the payment in this regard would be due for 1975. We are, therefore, bringing this to your notice for necessary action at your end.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

(R.S. Kalha)

Pl. put up
in file.

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12/5- Shri N.R. Verma
Deputy Secretary (IC&EA)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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S.O. (EA)

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K.V.N. Menon,
First Secretary (HOC).

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TOKYO

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July 19, 1974.

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D.O.No.TOK/753/TS/69-II

Dear Shri Rangarajan,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.F.25/4/NGO-Vol.II dated the 22nd June, 1974, regarding annual payment to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple for looking after the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. As directed by the Ambassador, I met the Chief Priest at the Temple and paid to him an amount of ₹480,000. The receipt he gave me, has been kept here on the relevant file.

2. Necessary certificate as required under Ministry of Finance O.M. No.17(50)/E.II(A)/59 dated 12.3.1960 will be furnished to the Ministry in due course.

Yours sincerely,

K.V. Narayana menon

(K.V.N. Menon)

Shri L.N. Rangarajan,
Director (IF),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Shri H.P.C.
23.7.74

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L.N. Rangarajan
Director (IF) (214)

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D.O.No.F.25/4/NGO-Vol.II

✓ June, 1974.

Dear Shri Johari,

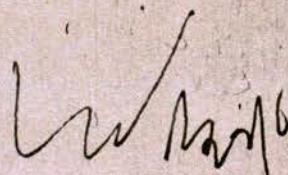
Kindly refer to your d.o. letter No.TOK-461(3)/74 dated the 8th May, 1974, regarding the annual payment of Y.240.000 or Rs.5,672.42 to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple for looking after the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

2. I send herewith financial sanction for Rs. 11,344.84 (Rupees Eleven thousand three hundred forty four and paise eighty four only) issued vide this Ministry's letter No.Q/BFI/753(1)/74 dated 2/6/74 for payment to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 at the rate of Rs.5672 a year.

Yours sincerely,

(L.N. Rangarajan)

Shri P. Johari,
Minister,
Embassy of India, Tokyo.



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SECRET/IMMEDIATE
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No.Q/BFI/753(1)/74
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi dated the 22 June, 1974.

To

The Ambassador of India in Japan,
Tokyo (S hri S.Than)

Subject: Discretionary Expenditure

Sir,

I am directed to state that the allotment of Rs. 11,344.84 (Rupees eleven thousand three hundred forty four and paise eighty four only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1974-75 under 261-External Affairs B.3 Special Diplomatic Expenditure B.3(1) Discretionary Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs.11,344.84 (Rupees eleven thousand three hundred forty four and paise eighty four) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and orders contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance O.M.No.17(50)/E.II/59 dated 12.3.1960 and will be debit able to India Circle of Account.

3. You will be the 'Controlling/Certifying Officer' and the First Secretary in your office the 'Disbursing Officer' for the purpose of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with detailed reasons therefor should immediately be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

W.K.M.b Yours faithfully,

(L.N. Rangarajan)

Director (IF)

Copy, with one spare copy, forwarded to the A.G.C.R., New Delhi (Smt. Girija Eswaran). This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry.

(L.N. Rangarajan)



P. Johari
Minister

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मारत का राजदूतावास, टोकियो
EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

DS(11)2937/74
No.TOK.461(3)/74

May 8, 1974

My dear Prem,

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P-2H-A/CW

Please refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.II dated April 23, 1974, regarding the annual payment of ₹240,000.- to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose are kept.

Pl. put 'up'
with the
NGO file on
the subject.

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Pl. keep
No. 10
NGO

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2. We have gone through our papers on this subject and examined the case thoroughly. Let me say straightaway that we feel very strongly that the payment of Rs. 5,000.- per year should continue till such time as we are in a position to take the ashes back. While there is no commitment on our part in this regard, there is a moral obligation to compensate the old and sick priest of the Temple for looking after the ashes of Netaji with care and devotion.

3. In reply to your queries, there has been no reaction so far from the priest to the stoppage of payments in 1972-73. However, you must remember that the priest is almost 90 years old and in very poor health. This could, perhaps, explain his lack of a reaction. There is no guarantee that his successor would also not react if the payment were to be stopped permanently.

4. I would like to bring to your attention that this Embassy has in the past also strongly felt that these payments should continue till such time as the ashes can be taken back. These were the views of Ambassadors Tyabji and Banerji. We refer you to our letters No.321-FS/67 dated 3rd April, 1967 and No.93-CP/68 dated 13th February, 1968. I might also mention that when in February 1968 the then Counsellor, Shri Ajmani, discussed the matter with the Gaimusho, it was suggested to him that the Embassy should take greater interest in ensuring proper care and custody of the ashes. I would also draw your attention to the then Secretary I's secret telegram No.24719 of August 8, 1968, in which he had clearly stated "We shall, of course, continue to pay Rupees 5000 per annum for the upkeep of Netaji's ashes to the Head Priest of Renkoji Temple. This matter had been explained to the Japanese Government through their Embassy and they seem to appreciate our difficulties and are satisfied with the arrangements made". We would, therefore, very strongly urge that the sanctions for the financial years 1972-73 and 1973-74 be issued without any further delay. You will appreciate that if the Japanese Government get to know that the payments have not been made and if this information is leaked it could cause acute embarrassment.

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5. As regards para. 5(c) of your letter, I might mention that when our First Secretary, Shri Menon, called on the Foreign Office in connection with the ashes of the late Shri Rashbehari Bose, he was pointedly asked as to when we propose to take back the ashes of Netaji, although the official in the Foreign Office appreciated our difficulties in this regard. It would seem to be clear from this and from previous correspondence that as far as the Japanese are concerned, they would like us to take the ashes back. You will appreciate that it is hardly possible for us to advise you on the political implications at the present juncture in India. This would have to be examined by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the light of the findings of the Khosla Commission. All we can say from here is that the sooner a decision is taken in this regard the better.

6. This has the approval of the Ambassador.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P. Johari)

Shri P.K. Budhwar,
Deputy Secretary(IC & EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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P.K. Budhwar
Dy. Secretary (IC & EA)

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No. 25/4/NQO/Vol.II

April 23, 1974

My dear Sir,
I am enclosing to this sort of arrangement and that
it was decided to take over the responsibility to take over the re-

Please refer to Vinod Khanna's letter No. 10K/763/TS/69 dated November 13, 1973 addressed to Shri A.N. Rao, DS(IF), regarding the annual payment of Rs. 240,000 to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose were kept.

2. I have examined this case at some length and find that this payment of Rs. 5000 per annum to the Renkoji Temple Priest was first started in 1967. At the time this decision was taken, the view was expressed that even though the Government of India had officially accepted the report of the findings of the Shah Nawas Khan Enquiry Committee on Netaji that Netaji was killed in an air accident in Sept. 1945, the idea of officially accepting the ashes or bringing them over to India may not be acceptable to the family of Netaji and other political groups who have maintained that Netaji is not dead.

3. In order to avoid political and other complications, it was, therefore, decided in 1967 that the Renkoji Priest would be paid a sum of Rs. 5000 per annum for some years, ostensibly for the renovation and preservation of the temple. Earlier, the temple authorities had been, for quite some time, pressing for the custody of the ashes being taken over by the Government of India. But while deciding on this annual payment of Rs. 5000 to the temple priest the impression sought to be conveyed by us was that this payment was not to be directly linked with the priest agreeing to retain the custody of the ashes, but was to be given in consideration of the temple authorities' loyalty towards India and Netaji for a number of years.

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Our Mission in Tokyo subsequently reported that the Temple Priest was agreeable to this sort of arrangement and that he would also not be pressing for the ashes to be taken over by us till such time as we were ready to take over the same.

4. Considering all this, it was, therefore, decided to initially sanction this annual payment of Rs.5000 for a period of three years only, so that no long-term commitment was involved on our part. It was obviously the intention of the Ministry at that stage to review this question on a year to year basis, instead of making it an arrangement for an indefinite period. After the expiry of this three year period, a fresh sanction was issued again for the year 1971-72.

5. Vinod Khanna in his letter under reference mentioned above, had requested for the Ministry's financial sanction in respect of this payment for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74. By way of reviewing this position at this stage, instead of going on making these payments, I would like to make a few queries and request for your views and comments. The queries would be as follows:-

- (a) Since no such payment was made to the Temple Priest in 1972-73, what was the reaction, if any, to this disruption of payment?
- (b) In case these payments were stopped, what are the chances of the Temple Priest reviving his earlier stand that we should take over these ashes?
- (c) Presuming that these payments are stopped and that the Temple Priest starts insisting that we take over the custody of these ashes, what would be the views of our Mission in Tokyo keeping in view the political and other implications?

6. Kindly have this matter examined at your end and favour me with your views.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(P.K. Budhwar)

Shri HBC
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Shri P. Johari,
Minister,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo



V.C. Khanna
First Secretary(P)

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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November 13, 1973

No.TOK/753/TS/69

Dear Shri Rao,

As you are aware, this Embassy annually pays a sum of ₹240,000 to the Chief Priest of Renkaji Temple where the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose are kept.

2. The last payment sanctioned by you was for financial year 1971-72 in your letter No.F/Q/BFI/753(1)/73 of 10th March, 1972.
3. Payments, therefore, are due for the financial years 1972-73 and 1973-74 and we shall be grateful for urgent sanction of the same.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V.C. Khanna)

Shri A.N. Rao,
Deputy Secretary(IF),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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D.O.No.F.52/4/NGO-II

9th March, 1972.

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure.

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Please refer to your d.o. letter No.753/TS/69 of the 7th March, 1972.

2. We have issued a sanction for Rs. 5,672.42 vide Ministry's letter No.F.Q/BFI/753(1)/71 dated the 9th March, 1972, a copy of which is attached for payment to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A.N.Rao)

Shri R.K.Joardar,
First Secretary(Econ.),
Embassy of India,
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NO.F.O/EVI/753(1)/71
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

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New Delhi, dated the 10 March, 1971

The Ambassador of India,
TOKYO(Shri V.H.Coelho)

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the allotment of Rs.5,672.42 (Rupees Five thousand six hundred seventy two and paise forty two only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1971-72 under 24-External Affairs-B.4 Special Diplomatic Expenditure B.4(2)Discretionary Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs.5,672.42(Rupees five thousand six hundred seventy two and paise forty two only) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and orders contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance G.M.No.F.17(50) E.II(A)/59 dated 12-3-1960 and will be debit able to India Circle of Account.

3. You will be the 'Controlling/Certifying Officer' the First Secretary in your office will be the 'Disbursing Officer' for the purpose of these rules.

Yours faithfully,
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(A.N.Rao)
Deputy Secretary (IF)

Copy, with one spare copy, forwarded to the AGCR.
New Delhi(Shri G.C.Raghbir). This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry.

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(A.N.Rao)
Deputy Secretary (IF)



By No. 1810 DS (IF) Secret Most Immediate
Dated 8.3.1972
R.K. Joardar
First Secretary (Econ.)
D.O. No. 753/TS/69.
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March 7, 1972.
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भारत का राजदूतावास, टोकियो
EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO
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My dear Shri Rao,

As you are aware, every financial year the Government of India gives out of its Discretionary grant a donation of Yen 240,000 to the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, in connection with the safe custody of the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In this connection a reference is invited to the last such sanction No. FQ/BF-I/753(1)/71 dated the 18th February, 1971.

2. As there has been no change of circumstances, it is recommended that a sum of Yen 240,000 (or Rs. 5,672.4) may be sanctioned for the financial year 1971-72 also. As the amount has to be drawn and disbursed before the 31st March, 1972, sanction may please be intimated to us by cable.

3. This issues with the approval of the Head of Mission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.K. Joardar)

Shri A.N. Rao,
Deputy Secretary (Internal Finance),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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A.N. RAO
DEPUTY SECRETARY (IF)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.II

18 February 1971

Dear Shri Joardar,

Please refer to your letter No. F.1(33)SS/64 dated 21st January 1971 addressed to Shri M.S. Nair.

2. The amount of Rs. 5,000/- sanctioned in the Ministry's letter No.Q/BF.I/753(1)/71 dated the 16th January 1971 is for the discretionary grant for the Ambassador for making effective use of our press relations in Japan as discussed by the Ambassador with Secretary (East) in December 1970.

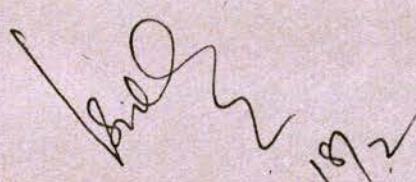
3. A separate sanction has been issued in respect of usual payment of Rs. 5,000/- to the Chief Priest, Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, where Netaji Subash Chander Bose's ashes are kept.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(A.N. RAO)

Shri R.K. Joardar,
First Secretary (HOC),
Embassy of India,
TOKYO


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No. F.O/BF.I/753(1)/71
Government of India
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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NEW DELHI, dated the 18 February,

To

The Ambassador of India,
Tokyo (Shri V.H. COELHO)

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure.

Sir,

I am directed to convey that the allotment of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1970-71, under 24-External Affairs B-4-Special Diplomatic Expenditure-B.4(2)-Discretionary Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and orders contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No.F.17(50)E.II(A)/39 dated 12.3.1960 and will be debitible to India Circle of Account.

3. You will be the 'Controlling Officer/Certifying Officer' and the Drawing and Disbursing Officer in your office the 'Disbursing Officer' for the purpose of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with detailed reasons therefor should immediately be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

Yours faithfully,

(A.N. RAO)
Deputy Secretary (IF)

Copy, with two spare copies, forwarded to Shri R.K. Anand, Accounts Officer, AGO, New Delhi. This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry, vide Ministry of Finance OM No.19(4)-E (Coord)/62 dated 1.6.1962.

Copy to NGO Section (with one spare copy).

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DEPUTY SECRETARY (IF)



R. K. Joardar
First Secretary (HOC)

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मारत का राजदूतावास, टोकियो
EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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सम्मेलन अपराध

No.F.1(33)SS/64

January 21, 1971.

Dear Shri Nair,

Kindly refer to the Ministry's secret letter No.F.Q/BF I/753(1)/71 dated the 16th January, 1971 sanctioning a discretionary expenditure of Rs.5000/-only.

2. It is presumed that the above mentioned amount is meant for making the annual payment of Rs.5000/- to Rev. Mochizuki, Chief Priest, Renkoji Temple, Tokyo where Netaji Subash Chander Bose's ashes are kept. In this connection a reference is invited to Shri G. Sankar's d.o. letter No.37/CP/70 dated the 23rd January, 1970 to Shri V.V. Paranjpe, OSD (EA) and Ministry's sanction No.F.Q(BF I)753(1)69 dated the 4th February, 1970.

3. We would be grateful if you would kindly confirm whether our presumption as above is correct.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.K. Joardar)

Shri M.S. Nair,
Deputy Secretary (Estt),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Dir (HD) desired to see NGO papers in Shah Nawaz Committee on Netaji. The relevant file no. F. 25/4/ NGO vol. I & II with a copy of Report and other routine papers are submitted to Dir, HD who may kindly return them to us, when done with

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~~Dir (HD)~~

The file is returned herewith.

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No. P.C(BY.I)753(1)/69
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

New Delhi, dated the 4th February, 19

To

The Ambassador of India,
TOKIO. (Shri S.K. Banerjee).

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure

SIR.

With reference to your office letter No.37/CP/70, dated 23-1-1970, I am directed to convey that the allotment of Rs.5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1969-70, under 24-External Affairs-B-4-Special Diplomatic Expenditure-B.4(2)-Discretionary Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and order contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F.17(50)-E.II-(A)/59 dated 12.3.60 and will be debitable to India Circle of Accounts.

3. You will be the 'Controlling/Certifying Officer' and the First Secretary in your office the 'Disbursing Officer' for the purpose of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with detailed reasons therefor should immediately be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

Yours faithfully,

(A.M. Rao)
Officer on Special Duty(I)

~~X~~ Copy, with two spare copies, forwarded to Shri J.P. Singh, Accounts Officer, Office of the A.G.C.R., New Delhi. This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry, vide Minister of Finance O.M. No.19(4)-E(Coord)/62 dated 1.6.1962.

Copy also to (i) N.G.C. Section (with one spare copy).

(ii) B.F.I Section.



G. Sankar
Counsellor

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

No. 37/CP/70

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January 23, 1970.

My dear Paranjpe,

We have been paying annually a sum of Yen 240,000 (Rs.5,000) to Rev. Mochizuki of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's ashes are kept. The first payment was made on March 27, 1967, the second one on 19th March, 1968, and the third on 31.3.69. The fourth payment is now due. Accordingly, sanction may kindly be issued for payment to be made in March this year also, out of the discretionary grant on an ad hoc basis. The Ambassador considers that it is necessary to continue this annual payment in order to ensure that the ashes of Netaji are kept with due care and reverence by the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple.

2. This issues with the approval of the Ambassador.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. Sankar (G. Sankar) 27.1.70

Shri V.V. Paranjpe,
OSD (EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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No. F.Q(BP.I)753(1)/68
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

New Delhi, dated the 6th March, 1968

To

The Ambassador of India,
Tokyo. (Shri S.K. Banerjee).

Sir, Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure.

With reference to your letter No. 62-CP/68 dated the 13th February 1968, I am directed to convey that that allotment of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1968-69 under 24-B. External Affairs-B-5-Special Diplomatic Expenditure B.5(2)-Discretionary Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and orders contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F.17(50)-E.II-(A)/68 dated 12.3.60 and will be debit able to India Circle of Accounts.

3. You will be the 'Controlling/Certifying Officer' and the First Secretary in your office the 'Disbursing Officer' for the purpose of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with detailed reasons therefor should immediately be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(A.N. Rao)
Officer on Special Duty.

Copy, with two spare copies, forwarded to Shri H.C. Aggarwal, Assistant Accountant General, Office of the A.G.C.R. New Delhi. This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry, vide Ministry of Finance G&M No. 19(4)-E(Coord)/62 dated 1.6.1962.

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(A.N. Rao)
OSD(IF).



J.C. Ajmani,
Counsellor.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

No. 62 -CP/69.

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My dear Manjit,

As you are aware, we have been paying annually a sum of ¥240,000/- (Rs.5,000/-) to Rev. Mochizuki of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's ashes are kept. The first payment was made on March 27, 1967 and the second one on 19th March, 1968. The third payment is now almost due, and accordingly, sanction may kindly be issued for payment to be made in March this year also, out of the discretionary grant on an ad hoc basis. The Ambassador considers that it is necessary to continue this annual payment in order to ensure that the ashes of Netaji are kept with due care and reverence by the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple.

2. This issues with the approval of the Ambassador.

Yours sincerely,

J.C. Ajmani
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Shri Manjit Singh,
Director (EA),
MEA, New Delhi.

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No. Q(BF.I)753(1)/
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi Dated the **20th Sept., 1968**

To

The Accountant General,
Central Revenues, New Delhi.

(For Shri **P.D.Agarwal, Accounts Officer**)

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure
Annual Certificate **for 1967-68-**
- Embassy of India, Tokyo.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the Annual Certificate of Discretionary Expenditure, in original, - duly signed by the Controlling Officer together with the details of the vouchers under which an amount of Rs. **5,150/-** was drawn for discretionary Expenditure during the year **1967-68** by the **Embassy of India, Tokyo, for necessary action.**

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

B. B. Bhatia

Section Officer.

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1) **Embassy of India, Tokyo (Shri J.C.Ajmani) with reference to their letter No.F.3(21/6/68) dated - Sept., 1968.**

✓ 2) **NGO Section.**

Chh. Malhotra

Section Officer



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J.C. Ajmani,
Counsellor.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

No. 163 -CP/68.

March 21, 1968.

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Mr. P.C.D.
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My dear Manjit,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with Ministry's letter No.F.Q(BF.I)753(1)/67, dated the 24th February, 1968, regarding the ad hoc grant of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) to Rev. Mochizuki of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, in recognition of his services for the care and custody of the Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. I called on Rev. Mochizuki at the Renkoji Temple on the 19th. Whilst accepting the donation with gratitude, Rev. Mochizuki expressed a wish that the Government would find it possible before long to relieve him of his heavy care and responsibility in regard to the ashes. As he is not altogether unaware of the difficulties which have so far prevented the Government from taking back the ashes to India, Rev.Mochizuki stated that he would be prepared to carry out this responsibility, if necessary, during his life time. (As you know, Rev.Mochizuki is an old man and he is not certain whether his son will succeed him as Chief Priest of the Temple or whether he could undertake the responsibility of the ashes satisfactorily).

3. So long as Rev. Mochizuki is there, we can be reasonably certain that the ashes will be looked after properly, provided that an annual ad hoc grant of Rs.5,000/- continues to be paid to him.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(J.C.Ajmani)

Shri Manjit Singh,
Director (EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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~~SECRET/IMMEDIATE~~

No.F.Q(BF.I)753(1)/67
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 24 February, 1968.

To

The Ambassador of India,
Tokyo (Shri S.K. Banerjee)

Subject:- Discretionary Expenditure.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.93-CP/68 dated the 13th February, 1968, I am directed to convey that the allotment of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1967-68 under 24-B. External Affairs-B-5-Special Diplomatic Expenditure-B.5(2)-Discretionary Expenditure. I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and orders contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No.F.17(50)-E.II-(A)/59 dated 12.3.60 and will be debit able to India Circle of Accounts.

3. You will be the 'Controlling/Certifying Officer' and the First Secretary in your office the 'Disbursing Officer' for the purpose of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with detailed reasons therefor should immediately be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(A.N. Rao)
Officer on Special Duty.

Copy, with two spare copies, forwarded to the A.G.C.R., New Delhi. This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry, vide Ministry of Finance O&M No.19(4)-B(Coord)/62 dated 1.6.1962.

/ Copy to NGO Section (with one spare copy).

(A.N. Rao)
OSD (IF).



J.C. AJMANI,
Counsellor.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

No. 93 -CP/68.

February 13, 1968.

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My dear Manjot,

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Thank you for your letter No.F.25/4/NGO.Vol.II, dated the 30th January, 1968, regarding the care and custody of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's ashes.

2. As you know, a payment of ₹240,000/- (Rs.5,000/-) was made to Rev. Mochizuki of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo - for the first time - on 27th March, 1967. It was made clear to him that the subsidy was being made not for the care and custody of the ashes but rather for the benefit of the Temple. Care was taken not to give Rev. Mochizuki an impression that the subsidy would be continued annually until such time as we accepted Netaji's ashes back in India, but, despite the delicacy of phrasing, we may be certain that he would expect the grant to be continued annually.

3. The Ministry indicated in April, 1967 (vide their letter No.1767/DSEA, dated the 9th April, 1967) that if the Embassy felt that an annual grant was necessary, there would be no difficulty in getting sanction in view of the unusual political significance of the subject. Ambassador Tyabji had recommended that we must continue to compensate the Temple by making payment of ₹240,000/- annually until such time as we accepted Netaji's ashes back in India.

4. As members of Netaji's family remain unreconciled to the findings of the Shah Nawaz Commission and as moves are being made in Parliament for sending another commission to investigate the death of Netaji, it is hardly possible to consider the question of taking the ashes back to India at present. The only course left open is to renew the subsidy to the Temple to ensure proper care and custody of Netaji's ashes.

5. Meanwhile, Foreign Office here have also approached us for clarification of our position with regard to the custody and care of the ashes pending their return to India. Rev. Mochizuki has clearly apprised the Gaimusho and others of the position. There need be no hesitation in acknowledging to the Gaimusho that we are showing due appreciation to the Temple by way of monetary

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compensation for its cooperation.

6. Ambassador is strongly of the view that the annual ad hoc grant should be continued until such time as the ash can be received back in India. Accordingly, I would request that sanction may kindly be issued for payment of Rs.5,000/- (₹240,000/-) to be made to Rev. Mochizuki in March next for this year also, out of the discretionary grant.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jagdish
(J.C. Ajmani)

Shri Manjit Singh,
Director (EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Manjit Singh,
Director (EA)

No. F25/4 NGP - Vol. II

January 30, 1968.

During the recent Indo-Japanese Officials Consultative Meeting, Mr Shunji Kobayashi informally mentioned to me at dinner that they had received a request from the persons concerned that the custody of Netaji's ashes might now be brought to India. I explained the position to him and pointed out that the matter was a little delicate as some people, including some members of Netaji's family, had as yet not accepted that Netaji had in fact died. Consequently, if Government were to bring these ashes back, it would raise an unfortunate controversy. I told him that this was a matter which time itself will resolve. Perhaps, in a few years, even these people will inevitably have to accept that Netaji had died and we would then have no difficulty in bringing back the ashes in a befitting and appropriate manner.

2. He saw my point and said that the difficulty was that the Head Priest of the temple was a very old man and recently another prominent member of the society, who was looking after these ashes, had died. Therefore, these people were keen to pass the responsibility for the maintenance and up-keep of these ashes to the Government of India. I informed him that my impression was that we had taken up this matter with the authorities of Renkoji temple last year and that they had worked out suitable caretaking arrangements in consultations with the Indian Embassy. Mr. Kobayashi was not aware of these arrangements. This information came to him as something of a surprise. He specifically enquired from me whether we were making any payment etc. for looking after the ashes. I deliberately remained vague and told him that I was not sure what the details were but that a satisfactory arrangement had been worked out. I promised to him that I would write to our Embassy to get in touch with the temple authorities and see what can be done for the continued care of Netaji's ashes until we are able to bring them back to India.

3. Next day, Mr. Kobayashi told me that he had written back to his Foreign Office in terms of our conversation but on the third day he along with the new Japanese Counsellor, Mr. S. Omori again brought up this subject. They told me

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Dear Sir

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that their Embassy had received a telegram from their Foreign Minister who had been approached by the Vice-President of the Indo-Japanese Association. He did mention the name but I am afraid I could not get it. (It sounded like Kakow). Their Counsellor emphasised that in view of the fact that the Japanese Foreign Minister was taking an interest, they would appreciate if we would give this matter our earnest consideration. I informed him that we would write to our Embassy as soon as possible and will look into this matter fully.

4. I mentioned this subject to Ambassador Banerji while he was here. Evidently he was not aware of the correspondence resting with Dixit's letter No.349-FS/67 dated the 17th April, 1967. The Ambassador told me that he had also been approached by Gen. Fuji Wara and some others in the matter. The Ambassador suggested that the action might be taken on this matter on his return to Tokyo. We should be grateful if you kindly look into this matter and advise us on the position.

Yours sincerely,

(Manjit Singh)

Shri J.C. Ajmani,
Counsellor,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.



N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

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Top Secret
EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

सत्यमेव जयते No. 349-FS/67.

Dated the 17th April, 1967.

My dear Damm

25/4/67
Thank you for your letter No. 1767/DSEA,

dated the 9th April, 1967.

2. We would see that the present arrangement
of giving a grant to the Renkoji Temple, ^(continues) by making it
an annual feature in our budget estimates. ^(continues)

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With best regards

Yours sincerely,
J. N. Dixit
(J.N. Dixit)

Mr. A.K. Damodaran,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Sh. P.A.
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April 9, 1967.

My dear Mani,

Please refer to your letter No. 321-FS/67 dated April 3, 1967.

2. We agree with the Ambassador that we should certainly review this question early enough every year in consultation with the Embassy, and if you feel that the grant is necessary, we do not think there will be any difficulty in getting the sanction in view of the unusual political significance of the subject.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

AD
(A. K. Damodaran).

Mr. J. N. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

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TOP SECRET
EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

No. 321-FS/67.

Dated the 3rd April, 1967.

My dear Damu

I write in continuation of my letter No. 305-FS/67, dated the 28th March, 1967.

2. In paragraph 3 of your letter No. 25(4)NGO-Vol.II, dated the 6th March, 1967, you had stated that payment of Rs. 5,000/- should be made without giving the impression that it is an annual affair. While we have acted according to this directive, the Ambassador has desired me to convey that we must continue to compensate the Temple in this form (with this amount of money once every year) till we are in a position to accept Netaji's ashes back in India. This is the only way we can ensure proper care and maintenance of the ashes at the Temple. We have conveyed before that the head priest who is taking care of the ashes is getting on in ~~old~~ age and once he gives over charge of the Temple to his successor, they would be inclined to take trouble for Netaji's ashes only if ^{he} they have some monetary compensation or attraction. The Ambassador, therefore, desires me to request you to persuade the authorities concerned to make this compensation a permanent feature till the emotional inhibitions concerning the return of Netaji's ashes to India disappear.

With very regards,

Yours sincerely,

Brain

(J.N. Dixit)

Mr. A.K. Damodaran,
D.S., M.E.A., New Delhi.



J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

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TOP SECRET
EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

No. 305-FS/67.

Dated the 28th March, 1967.

My dear

I write in continuation of my Top Secret d.o. letter No. 252-FS/67, dated the 15th of March, 1967.

2. I have drawn the sum of Rs.5,000/- in Yen (equivalent to two hundred and forty thousand yen) and paid it to Reverend Mechizuki, Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple. The payment was made in cash in the presence of the Administrative Attaché of this Mission. We have obtained a simple receipt from the Chief Priest against the payment received by him. We made the payment conveying that it was only an ad hoc grant in recognition of the services rendered by him to Netaji's ashes, for the upkeep of the Temple. Care was taken to avoid conveying the impression that such payments are to be an annual affair.

*Note: This action
is necessary.
Please consider
carefully.*

3. The receipt bearing the signature and seal of the Chief Priest is being kept on record in the classified file, on the subject (the accounts file is separate).

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,

Hami

(J.N. Dixit)

Mr. A.K. Damodaran,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

~~Top Secret~~

1614/DSEA

March 30, 1967.

My dear Mani,

I thank you for your two top secret letters
No. 252 and 305/FS-67 dated March 15 and 28, 1967.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

AD
(A. K. Damodaran).

Mr. J. H. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

No. 252-FS/67.

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TOP SECRET
EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

Dated the 15th March, 1967.

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My dear Damm

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Top Secret letter No.25(4)NGO-Vol.II, dated the 6th March, 1967.

2. I have received the sanction for Rs.5,000/- which you mentioned in paragraph 2 of your letter, under reference. I have taken note of the instructions contained in paragraph 3 of your letter. I will be disbursing the money to the Head Priest in the Renkoji Temple towards the last week of this month after obtaining Ambassador's formal sanction for the disbursement of the above amount.

With my regards

Yours sincerely,

Damm
(J.N. Dixit)

Mr. A.K. Damodaran,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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My dear Mani,

Please refer to your letter No. 1(33)SS/64 dated January 25, 1967 on the Rankoiji Temple.

2. You will be separately receiving a sanction issued today for discretionary expenditure by the Ambassador of Rs. 5,000/-, in this financial year. This means that you can immediately make the payment to the Priest.

3. In agreeing to the expenditure, the Finance Ministry has suggested that an initial payment of Rs. 5,000 should be made without giving the impression that it is an annual affair. The position can be reviewed from year to year.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(A. K. Damodaran).

Mr. J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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No.Q(BFI)/763(1)/67
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the March 6, 1967.

To

The Embassy of India,
Tokyo (Shri B.F.H.B. Tyabji)

Subject:- DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE.

Sir,

I am directed to say that an allotment of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) has been included in the budget estimates in respect of your office for the year 1966-67 under "24-External Affairs-F.Special Diplomatic Expenditure-F.2-Discretionary Expenditure". I am also to convey the sanction of the President to an expenditure not exceeding Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) being incurred by you out of the allotment.

2. The expenditure will be incurred, accounted for and certified in accordance with rules and orders contained in Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No.F.17(50)-E.II(A)/59, dated 12.3.60 and will be debitible to India Circle of Accounts.

3. You will be the "Controlling/Certifying Officer" and the First Secretary in your Office the "Spending Officer" for the purposes of these rules.

4. If, for any unforeseen reasons, an excess is anticipated over your allotment, the amount of the excess together with detailed reasons should immediately be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Similarly, saving in the allotment should be reported to this Ministry as soon as it is anticipated. Expenditure in excess of the allotment should not be incurred without the prior concurrence of this Ministry. The progress of the expenditure should be shown separately at the end of the monthly expenditure statement.

Yours faithfully,

(A.N. RAO)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Copy, with two spare copies, forwarded to the Accountant General, Central Revenues, New Delhi. This issues under the powers vested in this Ministry, vide Ministry of Finance O.M. No.F.10(4)-E(Coord)/62 dated the 1st June, 1962.

2. Copy to NGO Section (with one spare copy).

A.N. Rao
(A.N. RAO)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.



J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

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No.1(33)SS/64.

Dated the 25th January, 1967.

My dear Damm.

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Please refer to your letter No. 25(4)NGO-Vol.II, dated the 24th December, 1966.

2. I have made inquiries about the tentative proposal contained in paragraph 3 of your letter, under reference.

Rev. Mochizuki, the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple, who has Netaji's ashes in his custody, is agreeable to receive a grant of Rs.5,000/- per annum in the form which we suggest. His general reaction was that it would serve the purpose of maintaining the temple, the buildings of which are also decaying. We did not mention the specific figure of Rs.5,000/- to the priest. We generally mentioned a grant of between Y200,000 and Y250,000 (Rs.5,000/- is equal to Y240,000).

3. It, therefore, seems desirable now to process the case further. I would be grateful if you could obtain the approval for such a grant from the Ministry of Finance and inform us in due course. We agree that this grant would temporarily solve the problem which I raised in my letter of even number, dated the 26th September, 1966.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

J.N. Dixit
(J.N. Dixit)

Mr. A.K. Damodaran,
D.S., M.E.A., New Delhi.

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✓ December 24, 1966.~~AS~~~~165-A~~

My dear Dixit,

Please refer to your letter No. 1(33)SS/64 dated September 26, 1966 regarding the ashes of the late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We have carefully considered the suggestion that the ashes be taken back to India. As you know, the whole question of disposal of these ashes now kept in the Rankoiji Temple is a very complicated one. As far as the Government is concerned, they have accepted the findings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee. We, therefore, doubt very much whether the family will accept the idea of the ashes being kept anywhere in India either in the Netaji Museum in Calcutta itself or elsewhere. Far from agreeing to the ashes being brought to India, the family of Netaji Bose as well the political groups who have a vested interest in the matter might raise an agitation against the Government for trying to assert that Netaji is dead. We have, therefore, come to the conclusion that it would not be proper to try to bring the ashes to India now.

3. It seems to us therefore that the only thing we can do at present is to give some financial assistance to the Tokyo Temple. We were thinking in terms of a grant of Rs. 5,000 per year which could be handed over in the form of a grant to the Temple and the Priest in appreciation of their loyalty towards India and Netaji. If the grant is offered in this manner and not as consideration for looking after the Urn itself, there is just a chance that the temple authorities might agree to continue to look after the ashes. We have not yet approached the Finance Ministry about this but have reason to think that their response might be favourable. We would, therefore, not like you to make an outright offer now but would be grateful for your comments on the proposal. Specifically, we would like to know whether the sum is adequate or excessive ~~and~~ whether you think that this would temporarily solve the problem.

Yours sincerely,

AD
(A. K. Damodaran).

Mr. J. N. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Prime Minister's Secretariat may kindly see the enclosed letter from the Embassy of India, Tokyo. Director (East Asia) has asked for a comprehensive note stating the reasons for our earlier decision and the demand made by some for bringing Netaji's ashes to India. We were able to find files Nos. 25/4/NGO-51 Vol. I and 25/4/NGO Vol.II in the NGO Section. However, the NGO records are not complete. It is possible that some papers are in the PM's Secretariat. We are particularly looking for correspondence on this matter following a letter from our Embassy in November 1958, part of which has been reproduced on page 5 of the incomplete comprehensive note enclosed herewith. It would be much appreciated if Prime Minister's Secretariat could kindly let us have any papers they might have on the subject.

B.P. Agarwal
(B.P. AGARWAL)
UNDER SECRETARY (EAST ASIA)

Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri Natwar Singh, D.S.)
M.E.A. U.O. No.8300-NGO/66 dated 7-10-66.

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Mr. P.C.N. 7/10/66

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J.N. DIXIT
FIRST SECRETARY.

Embassy of India in
JAPAN, Tokyo.

No.1(33)SS/64.

Dated the 26th September, 1966

Dear Mr. Narayanan,

I am writing this letter regarding the ashes of the late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, at present enshrined in Rinkoji temple in Tokyo.

2. We have been approached by the Head Priest of the Temple (Who is the custodian of the ashes) and several other Japanese with the request that the ashes should be taken back to India. The Head Priest who is nearly 80 years old has expressed his inability to take care of the ashes adequately in view of his age and the possibility of his retiring from the temple. The other Japanese gentlemen also feel that these ashes should be taken back to India and enshrined properly, and if there are any difficulties in enshrining, the ashes should at least be taken back and can be kept in India till the Government of India considers the time ripe for their enshrinement.

3. This is not the first time that the matter has been raised with the Ministry. In the late fifties, after the Bose Enquiry Commission report was submitted to the Govt. (in 1956-57), a similar request was made by this Embassy and at that time the late Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, had ruled that taking back the ashes would not be practical because Netaji's family was not convinced of his death and were not ready to acknowledge the genuineness of ashes. He had desired the present arrangement with the Rinkoji temple to continue. Nearly 9 years have passed since then and still we have not taken any step to do something about these ashes, nor have we ~~ever~~ given any subsidy or grant to the temple or the priest in Tokyo for keeping the ashes properly. I would be grateful if you could have this matter examined by the concerned authorities and suggest some tangible solution to the problem that we now face because of the Japanese priest's request.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(J.N. DIXIT)

Mr. K.R. Narayanan,
Director,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.



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J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

No.1(33)SS/64.

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TOKYO

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With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

J. N. Dixit

Mr. K.R. Narayanan,
Director,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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K.L.Mehta, ICS.,
Joint Secretary.

15th March, 1961.

D.O. No. D2166-NR/61

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Thank you for your Top Secret letter
No.P.5(1)-NGO.I dated the 7th March, 1961, and the
very interesting enclosure. I discussed with P.S.
who feels that any attempt to establish Netaji's
ownership over the emerald Buddha would be like a
wild goose' chase. It is possible, however, that
our Ministry of S.R.& C.A. may be interested in this
image of Buddha for one of their Museums. Do you
think it would be worth our while to take this up
with them specially as we are not even sure that the
image is genuine and in fact worth very much more
than what we may have to pay to the intermediaries.

(K. L. Mehta)

Shri P.K.Banerjee, IFS.,
Counsellor,
Embassy of India,
TOKYO.

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P. K. Banerjee, IFS,
Counsellor.
D.O. No. F.S(1)-NGO-I

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

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7th March, 1961.

My dear Mr. Mehta,

Enclosed is a report on an image of emerald Buddha alleged to be part of personal property of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose.

In 1958 also, we received some information in this regard but our effort was fruitless. This time, however, we were more careful and discrete. At least we have been able to have a look at this emerald Buddha. Whether it is genuine or not is a different matter.

You may also notice that we brought this matter to the attention of the Foreign Office in Tokyo, and they are making investigation. If you have any information to confirm that Netaji Bose had an emerald Buddha in his possession, it would help us a lot. If you have any other instruction in the matter, kindly drop me a line.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Banerjee
(P.K. Banerjee)

Shri K. L. Mehta,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Information Service of India

Mr. T. Ishikawa, a resident of Aomori City, accompanied by a person, who was introduced to us as a Buddhist monk, called at the ISI yesterday and reported that a 1700-year-old image of Lord Buddha made of emeralds, was soon to be sold by its owner to an American multi-millionaire connected with the Rockefeller Foundation for US.\$30 million. Mr. Ishikawa himself had neither seen the image nor did he know its owner. But the monk had seen the image and also knew its owner. According to him, the image showed Lord Buddha with folded hands, was about a feet high and weighed 14,700 carots. It was fixed on a 21" sq. piece of wood.

2. The Buddhist monk further added that the image originally belonged to the late Subhash Chandra Bose, but, after his death, came to be acquired by its present owner. He refused to disclose as to how the latter came to possess the image or what his name and address were. He, however, said that the owner had two houses: one in Tokyo and the other in Aomori, and that the image was at present lying in Tokyo.

3. Both Mr. Ishikawa and the Buddhist monk added that they did not like the idea of an image of Lord Buddha going to the USA for sake of money. On the other hand, they thought that Prime Minister Nehru was anxious that the image should be acquired by the Govt. of India. They said that they would be very happy to help the Govt. of India in acquiring the image if we agreed to pay them 5% of the total amount for which the image was going to be sold i.e. \$1.5 million. They refused to disclose as to how they could accomplish such a remarkable job of getting us an article for \$1.5 million when, according to their own statement, someone else was ready to pay \$30 million for the same article.

4. The matter was reported to the Counsellor. He said that there were some previous papers also on the subject. A look at the old file showed that a story about the treasures of the late Subhash Bose was told to us in 1958 also. At that time one Keizo Takei, an employee of the Miyoshi Chemical Co., Ltd., Tokyo, informed us that the treasures of the late Bose were deposited in the Mitsui Bank by their present holder, a Mr. Tajima. He also added that the principal item of treasures was an oriental emerald weighing 18,400 carots. The matter was reported to the Government of India in August 1958. They advised that the best course for us would be to take up the matter with the Japanese Government. We could transmit to them the information which we had and ask them for their advice as to how best the matter could be handled. We were also asked to make it clear to the Japanese Government that the Govt. of India had no intention of entering upon any protracted civil proceedings in this matter.

5. The matter was taken up with Mr. Iwama of the Gaimusho in December 1958 by our former First Secretary, Mr. Malik. An extract from a note recorded by him after meeting Mr. Iwama is reproduced below:

"He was rather discouraging saying that information we had received was not specific, that it would be difficult for the Policy to undertake investigations without infringing the Human Rights Provisions of the Constitution, etc. He went so far as to suggest that we should engage a private detective. I pointed out that publicity was precisely what it was the interest of both Governments to avoid and that police could find things out with much less danger of publicity than a private investigation. I also said that it would be desirable to give some answer to the various parties which had come to the Embassy with information. Mr. Iwama said he would consult the Legal

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Affairs Bureau".

There do not seem to have been any further developments in the matter since then.

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Dhian Singh
13.1.61.

Sd/-
(H.D. Bhalla)

Mr. Ishikawa and the Buddhist monk may be asked to show to our representative the image to enable us to judge the value of the same. While the repetition of such an offer gives a reason to imagine that some article of the kind does exist. We cannot entirely rely on it to take the next step until we see it ourselves.

Sd/-
(Lalji Mehrotra)
14.1.61.

Counsellor.

I suggest that FS(C) and TS(ISI) may kindly have a look at it and report.

Sd/-
(P.K. Banerjee)
15.1.61

Mr. Ishikawa contacted the Embassy today on the telephone. I told him that we would like to have a look at the image before considering the matter further. At first, he demanded 5% of \$30 million even for showing it, but later on said that he would contact us again after consulting some other people.

Sd/-
(H.D. Bhalla)
16.1.61.

Today Mr. Ishikawa and one Mr. Mikami who claimed to be priest but looked and behaved like a desperate character called on me. They have agreed to come on Friday, the 10th February at 1 P.M. here to take Shri Jerath and myself to the place and show us the image. They were very keen that we should decide about the matter. They also pressed for some key-money which the undersigned refused. One so-called certificate (copy) was given and also their local address near Gehinkan (Both attached)

Sd/-
(H.D. Bhalla)
8.2.1961

Counsellor
Mr. Jerath

Good Luck.

Sd/-
P.K.B.
9.2.61.

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On Friday the 10th February, FS(C) Shri Jerath and I, accompanied by interpreter went to a place near Gehinkan. We were escorted there by Mr. Ishikawa and Mr. Mikami and later on were introduced to three other gentlemen viz. Mr. Tojima (who claimed to be the owner), Mr. Kumouchi (an old man who gave the certificate) and one Mr. Akihara.

Mr. Tojima (a medium-sized man of about 50 years) claimed that the said image had been in his possession for over 40 years and that he had purchased it in Singapore. Later on he and others partly contradicted the claim and vaguely associated it with Shri Subhash Bose.

Ultimately the image was produced. The image of Buddha was about 9 or 10 inches in height. It seemed to be of emerald though we, of course, could not testify to its value or genuineness. The Buddha head was hollow from inside but was appeared to be fairly heavy.

Shri Jerath and I returned without any commitment and promised further consideration. After discussions with Ambassador and Counsellor, the undersigned informed Mr. Ishikawa and Mr. Mikami that the Embassy would proceed in the matter only through the Government of Japan.

On 15th February Shri Jerath and I met Mr. Uchida of the Gaimusho and requested informally that the matter should be investigated. To this the Gaimusho officials agreed.

Today I handed over a copy of the certificate and a copy of the address given by Mr. Mikami to Gaimusho. Later on Mr. Kawai accompanied by a plain-clothed detective and pointed out the place near Gehinkan where the image had been shown to us. Mr. Kawai had to be sent to the place near Gehinkan because the telephone number given by Mr. Kamouchi was wrong according to Gaimusho.

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(H.D. Bhalla)
20.2.61

FS(C)

Sd/-
(R.K. Jerath)
21.2.61

Ambassador.

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(C.R.P.T.)

Address given by Mr. Mikami

When it was at 13:10/ (approx) I Judge
with my wife

in Hozumi Kensetsu

It is to be at 13:10/ (approx)
Opposite Telephone-Telegraph

height 181 cm
circumference 87 cm Office

weight 93 kg
17,000 carats

I do not think another one like this exists
everywhere in the world.

(C.R.P.T.) (approx)

Address given by Mr. Mikami

13:10/ (approx)

Office

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To

Whom it may concern this (crystal) I judge
with my wide experience.

It is to be a(oriental emerald) I am sure.

Height 21 cm
circumference 37 cm
neck 23.6 cm
weight 951 monme (3.575 kg)
17,880 carats.

I do not think another one like this existed
anywhere in the world.

Martin M. Kamouchi

A diamond dealer of USA

Tokyo address

Phone (44 - 3059)

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Mr. Kamuchi

Tel: (441) - 8231

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16th December, 1958.

To:

Mr. G.J. Malik,
First Secretary,
Indian Embassy, Tokyo,

From:

L.D.M. Abeyeratne &
Ichiro Kagabu,
96, Tokujii-cho, Ikegami,
Ohta-ku, Tokyo.

Subject: Buddha's emerald head illegally possessed
by Japanese national.

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Faithfully yours,
(L.D.M. Abeyeratne) (Ichiro Toshiba)

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4. Go shu so 5. Ando.
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Keizo Takei
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Founding Office: 8, 1-chome, Kanda O-machi
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (Tel. 251-5613)

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By Mr. Kohichi Sekoh.

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These do not seem to have been any further developments in this matter. Mr. T. Ishikawa, a resident of Aomori City, accompanied by a person, who was introduced to us as a Buddhist monk, called at the ISI yesterday and reported that a 1700-year-old image of Lord Buddha made of emeralds, was soon to be sold by its owner to an American multi-millionaire connected with the Rockefeller Foundation for US.\$30 million. Mr. Ishikawa himself had neither seen the image nor did he know its owner. But the monk had seen the image and also knew its owner. According to him, the image showed Lord Buddha with folded hands, was about a feet high and weighed 14,700 carots. It was fixed on a 21" sq. piece of wood.

2. The Buddhist monk further added that the image originally belonged to the late Subhash Chandra Bose, but, after his death, came to be acquired by its present owner. He refused to disclose as to how the latter came to possess the image or what his name and address were. He, however, said that the owner had two houses: one in Tokyo and the other in Aomori, and that the image was at present lying in Tokyo.

3. Both Mr. Ishikawa and the Buddhist monk added that they did not like the idea of an image of Lord Buddha going to the USA for sake of money. On the other hand, they thought that Prime Minister Nehru was anxious that the image should be acquired by the Govt. of India. They said that they would be very happy to help the Govt. of India in acquiring the image if we agreed to pay them 5% of the total amount for which the image was going to be sold i.e. \$1.5 million. They refused to disclose as to how they could accomplish such a remarkable job of getting us an article for \$1.5 million when, according to their own statement, someone else was ready to pay \$30 million for the same article.

4. The matter was reported to the Counsellor. He said that there were some previous papers also on the subject. A look at the old file showed that a story about the treasures of the late Subhash Bose was told to us in 1958 also. At that time one Keizo Takei, an employee of the Miyoshi Chemical Co., Ltd., Tokyo, informed us that the treasures of the late Bose were deposited in the Mitsui Bank by their present holder, a Mr. Tajima. He also added that the principal item of treasures was an oriental emerald weighing 18,400 carots. The matter was reported to the Government of India in August 1958. They advised that the best course for us would be to take up the matter with the Japanese Government. We could transmit to them the information which we had and ask them for their advice as to how best the matter could be handled. We were also asked to make it clear to the Japanese Government that the Govt. of India had no intention of entering upon any protracted civil proceedings in this matter.

5. The matter was taken up with Mr. Iwama of the Gaimusho in December 1958 by our former First Secretary, Mr. Malik. An extract from a note recorded by him after meeting Mr. Iwama is reproduced below:

"He was rather discouraging saying that information we had received was not specific, that it would be difficult for the Policy to undertake investigations without infringing the Human Rights Provisions of the Constitution, etc. He went so far as to suggest that we should engage a private detective. I pointed out that publicity was precisely what it was the interest of both Governments to avoid and that police could find things out with much less danger of publicity than a private investigation. I also said that it would be desirable to give some answer to the various parties which had come to the Embassy with information. Mr. Iwama said he would consult the Legal

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Affairs Bureau".

There do not seem to have been any further developments in the matter since then.

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Dhian Singh
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(H.D. Bhalla)

Mr. Ishikawa and the Buddhist monk may be asked to show to our representative the image to enable us to judge the value of the same. While the repetition of such an offer gives a reason to imagine that some article of the kind does exist. We cannot entirely rely on it to take the next step until we see it ourselves.

Mr. Ishikawa and I agreed without any communication of further negotiations. After Sd/-
Subroto and Banerjee, the undersigned (Lalji Mehrotra)
and Mr. Bhalla that the Embassy would proceed 14.1.61.

Counsellor.

I suggest that FS(C) and TS(ISI) may kindly have a look at it and report.

Sd/-
(P.K. Banerjee)
16.1.61

Mr. Ishikawa contacted the Embassy today on the telephone. I told him that we would like to have a look at the image before considering the matter further. At first, he demanded 5% of \$30 million even for showing it, but later on said that he would contact us again after consulting some other people.

Sd/-
(H.D. Bhalla)
16.1.61.

Today Mr. Ishikawa and one Mr. Mikami who claimed to be priest but looked and behaved like a desperate character called on me. They have agreed to come on Friday, the 10th February at 1 P.M. here to take Shri Jerath and myself to the place and show us the image. They were very keen that we should decide about the matter. They also pressed for some key-money which the undersigned refused. One so-called certificate (copy) was given and also their local address near Gehinkan (Both attached)

Sd/-
(H.D. Bhalla)
8.2.1961

Counsellor
Mr. Jerath

Good Luck.

Sd/-
P.K.B.
9.2.61.

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On Friday the 10th February, FS(C) Shri Jerath and I, accompanied by interpreter went to a place near Gehinkan. We were escorted there by Mr. Ishikawa and Mr. Mikami and later on were introduced to three other gentlemen viz. Mr. Tojima (who claimed to be the owner), Mr. Kumouchi (an old man who gave the certificate) and one Mr. Akihara.

Mr. Tojima (a medium-sized man of about 50 years) claimed that the said image had been in his possession for over 40 years and that he had purchased it in Singapore. Later on he and others partly contradicted the claim and vaguely associated it with Shri Subhash Bose.

Ultimately the image was produced. The image of Buddha was about 9 or 10 inches in height. It seemed to be of emerald though we, of course, could not testify to its value or genuineness. The Buddha head was hollow from inside but was appeared to be fairly heavy.

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in Hozumi Kensetsu

Opposite Telephone-Telegraph

Office

Sankocho, Meguro

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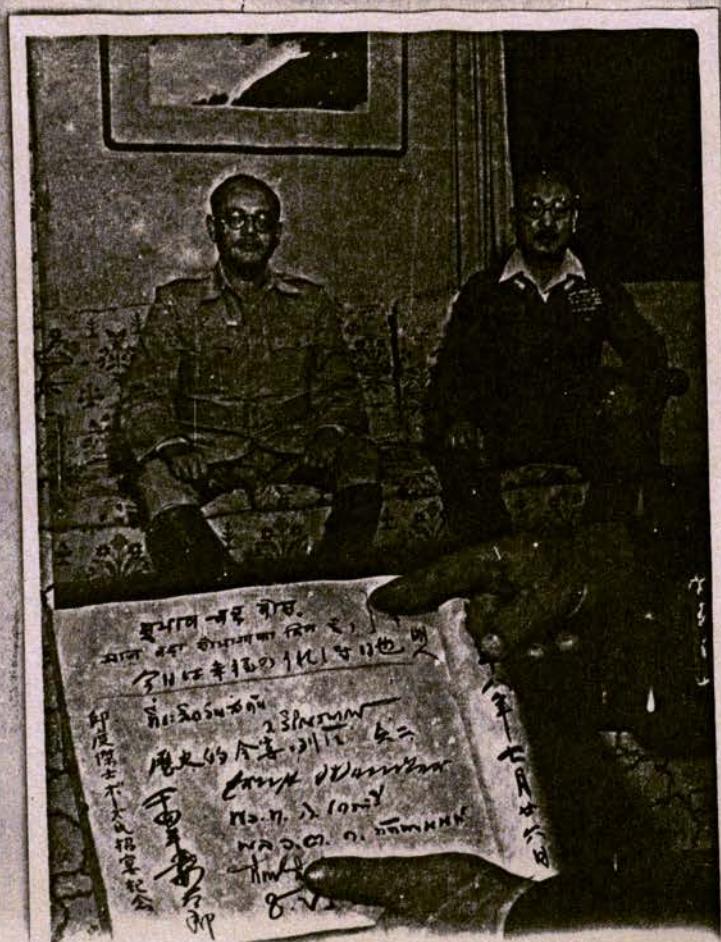
I have the honour of giving you a photograph on which the late Chandrabose's writing given to me 18 years ago is shown.

When I had been the Commander-in-chief in Bangkok during the War, I had many opportunities to have associated with him as his personal friend.

I remain, Yours faithfully.
A. Nakamura

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No.F.5(1)NGO-1.

27th November, 1958.
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Yours sincerely,

Sd/ G.J. Malik

Shri J.S. Mehta, IFS,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.



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J. S. Mehta

(G.J. Malik)

Shri J.S. Mehta, I.F.S.,
Deputy Secretary,
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The 13th October, 1958.

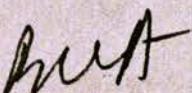
My dear Jha:

I regret I have not been able to reply earlier to your letter No: F.5(1)NGO-I, dated the 25th August regarding Shri Subhas Bose's treasure.

2. On his return from Japan, however, I have consulted Foreign Secretary who is of the view that the best course will be for you to take up the matter with the Japanese Foreign Office. You might transmit to them the information which has reached the Embassy and ask the Foreign Office for their advice as to how best the matter could be pursued. It should be made clear to the Foreign Office that the Government of India have no intention of entering upon any protracted civil proceedings in this matter. You may, however refer to the high esteem and veneration in which the memory of the late Shri Bose is held in India and add that, apart from the sentimental value to India of anything connected with him, it will only be in keeping with the late Shri Bose's struggle for giving a better deal to the poor people of his country to let any treasure left by him be utilised for some humanitarian purpose.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(B.K. Acharya)

Shri C.S. Jha, ICS.,
Ambassador of India in Japan,
Tokyo.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
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No. F.5(1)NGO-I.

25th August, 1958.

My dear Acharya,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with Rauf's letter No. F.5(1)NGO-I of 5th December, 1952, about Subhas Bose's treasure.

2. Recently a Japanese gentleman named Keizo Takei now employed by the Miyoshi Chemical Co. Ltd. whose office is at 8, 1-chome, Tamachi, Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo has been coming to the Embassy. He claims that he has knowledge of the whereabouts of Subhas Bose's treasure which he can identify because he himself did liaison work with the INA during the war having, inter alia, trained Indian cadets in the INA.

3. According to him the principal item of jewellery is an oriental emerald weighing 18,400 carats. There are also star sapphires, white diamonds and other valuables. These valuables are allegedly deposited in the Mitsui Bank by the present holder, a Mr. Tajima. Mr. Takei offers to use his efforts to try to determine if the articles belonged to Subhas Chandra Bose and to persuade the present holder that his possession of these valuables is illegal and he should transfer them to the Embassy. Mr. Takei requests our cooperation and does not ask for any remuneration.

4. Personally we find it difficult to accept Mr. Takei's story. It seems incredible that an emerald of 18,400 carats should exist at all and, if it exists, should not be an object of interest to all collectors, museums and jewellers in the world. Similarly it is unlikely that Mr. Takei performed liaison duties with the INA because he speaks no language other than Japanese. However, as he is very insistent and has left a written statement in Japanese with us we feel that we should mention the matter to you in view of the interest which the Prime Minister himself took in this subject in 1951. At that time, I understand, the matter was dropped because it was considered that the publicity which might arise from any investigation would not be worth the value of the property likely to be salvaged. Now that we are offered some specific details, I wonder if you would like us to pursue it, and indicate how we should proceed. I might add that as the information furnished to us by Mr. Takei concerns a Japanese national and a Japanese Bank, any enquiries except through the agencies of the Japanese Government may be extremely difficult.

Yours sincerely,

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(C.S. Jha)

Shri B.K. Acharya,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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No. FS/1044.

December 12, 1957.

My dear Jha,

Thank you for your
letter No. F.5(b)NGO-I of
December 10 regarding Amiya
Bose's activities in Japan.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)

Shri C.S. Jha,
Ambassador of India,
Tokyo.

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TOKYO

10th Dec. 1957

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My dear Dutt,

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Will you kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. FS/1009 dated November 26, 1957? Amiya Bose was in Japan for about a month. He appears to have arrived just a few days before the Prime Minister's visit and left on the 30th October. I can learn that he was here a few days before he left. He met our Military Attaché and a day before he was due to leave he called on me.

2. Amiya Bose told me that he had come to Japan to collect original material in connection with Netaji Subhas Bose's biography which he was writing. During his stay he had contact various people with a view to find out Netaji's contacts and activities in Japan. He had tried to get hold of any letters written by him to various people or other documents concerning him. He said that he had found a great regard for Netaji in Japan (which is true) and several people had promised to furnish him material. He also said that the house in which Netaji Subhas Bose lived in Calcutta had been converted into an international cultural centre which it was also intended to be used as a repository of things associated with Netaji. He was, however, rather woolly and vague about this. When asked by me about the precise nature of the activities of this Centre he added that it would be a sort of counterpart of the Indian Council of World Affairs.

3. Amiya Bose did not say that he had come to find out the truth about Netaji's death but when I asked him whether he had any views on that controversial subject he merely said that there were circumstances indicating that Netaji had been preparing to leave for Russia. He could not say whether Netaji was alive or dead but he had no hesitation in saying that the Enquiry Committee had not done its job properly and that the Government of India should have appointed a Committee of persons of higher calibre.

4. A few days before his departure he was entertained to lunch by an official of the Gaimusho (Mr. Miyake who used to be Counsellor in India) at which our Military Attaché was also invited. No special significance need be attached to this. Gaimusho probably entertained him partly because their Consul General in Calcutta had written to them and partly because they wished to find out what he had been doing. It is the usual practice here for some officers of the Gaimusho to ask visiting Indians, even if they are not particularly distinguished, to a meal if they have been commended by their Embassy or Consuls General in India.



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5. We have no information about Amiya Bose having indulged here in any undesirable activities or expressions of opinion adverse to the Government of India or to its policies. I attach for your information a copy of a news item on him in the Japan Times.

6. As far as we have been able to ascertain, Amiya Bose did not visit the Renkoji Temple.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JHA".

(C.S. JHA)

Shri S. Dutt, I.C.S.,
Foreign Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Encl:1

P.S. I regret the delay in replying to your letter as I was away on tour.

OCT. 17. 1957

JAPAN TIMES

Bose's Nephew Here to Collect Data on Leader's Activities

The nephew of the celebrated Indian leader, Subhas Chandra Bose, is now in Japan on a three-week visit to collect material bearing on his uncle's activities in Japan.

Amiya Nath Bose, secretary of the Sarat Bose Academy in Calcutta, also desires to establish contacts in Japan for the academy, a research institute on national and international affairs.

Bose said he will welcome any information and help from persons here A. N. Bose who had contacts with his uncle during the war.

The tall, well-built Indian scholar who bears a striking resemblance to his uncle said that the "Netaji's" house in Calcutta would be preserved intact to perpetuate the memory of the popular Indian freedom fighter, who is believed to have died in a plane crash in Taipei on his way to Japan shortly after the end of the Pacific War.

He said that plans are afoot to build an international hall and a guest house in the spacious compounds of the Bose home. These will be constructed with contributions from Asian countries "so that they can function as an Asian center for studies on international affairs with special emphasis on Asian problems."

He said the memories of Bose

are still cherished by many Indians so much so that 100,000 persons attended the memorial services held recently in Calcutta. He added that Calcutta remains the most important cultural center of India.

Bose is scheduled to spend the weekend in Kansai and resume his activities in Tokyo early next week. He is due to leave for Calcutta Oct. 29.



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No. FS/1009

November 26, 1957

My dear Jha,

Prime Minister tells me that before he left Japan he heard that Amiya Bose, son of the late Sarat Chandra Bose, had reached Tokyo. Prime Minister would like to know what Shri Amiya Bose did in Tokyo. Did he pay any visit to the Renkoji Temple and did he call at the Embassy at all?

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)

Shri C.S. Jha,
Ambassador of India,
Tokyo (JAPAN)

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His Excellency Prime Minister
Dr. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

103, 2-chome,
Koenji, Suginami-ku,
Tokyo, Japan.
November 22, 1957.

Dear Sir:

I have no adequate words to express my thanks for your having visited the Renkoji Temple on October 13. It was regrettable to me that as you were busy I could not have time enough to talk with you.

Netaji Bose's soul, I suppose, must have been content really with your visit. Enclosed here you will find the photographs taken on that day.

On November 8, I received a letter from His Excellency Ambassador Jhar, telling that you had asked me to agree to preserving Netaji Bose's ashes safely further hereafter. Of course, I agree with you of this matter. But I feel Netaji's soul is anxious to return to his fatherland as soon as possible.

By the way, I should like to tell you that I was at Haneda Airport to see you off when you were about to leave Japan. Praying that you would reach your country safe, I saw you off at the general people's seats. I regret deeply I could not tell you good-by directly.

I close this letter, believing I shall be able to have a chance to see you again in future.

I wish you good luck and health.

Yours very truly,

望月教宗

Kyoei Mochizuki
The priest of the Renkoji Temple.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Will the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research kindly refer to their u.o. No. B.5244/57-C 3 dated the 11th September, 1957 regarding a sealed box containing relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose lying in the National Museum?

As the controversy in regard to the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose has not yet ended, at least so far as some members of his family are concerned, it has been decided that the sealed box should continue to be kept in the National Museum for the present. It may be seen that in the circumstance no better method for disposal of the relics has been possible. We would therefore appreciate if the National Museum are asked to keep the box until they hear from us again on this subject.

(J.S.Mehta)
DEPUTY SECRETARY.

Ministry of Education & Scientific Research (Shri D.K.Hingerani)
Ministry of External Affairs u.o. No.25/4/MG dated 31-10-57

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25/4/NGO

October 29, 1957.

My dear Ambassador,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No.P.5(1) NGO-I of the 20th September addressed to Shri Acharya, regarding the ashes of Netaji. The controversy in regard to the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has not yet ended at least so far as some members of his family are concerned. The Prime Minister, therefore, decided on receipt of the Netaji Enquiry Committee's report that no attempt should yet be made to bring the ashes back to India. The present arrangement should continue. It will be expedient if perhaps you would suitably inform Rev. Mochizuki with reference to his letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

(J. S. MEHTA)

Shri C. S. Jha, I.C.S.,
Ambassador of India,
TOKYO.

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D.O. No. F.5(1)NGO-1

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

September 20, 1957

My dear Acharya,

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Please refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO of 9th September, 1957.

2. As regards point 1 of Rev. Mochizuki's letter to the Prime Minister, this Embassy was represented at the ceremonial service held on the 18th August. I myself could not attend but the First Secretary, the Press Attaché and the Military Attaché were present on the occasion. Later the Prime Minister's decision to visit the temple on Sunday the 13th October disposes of point 3 of Rev. Mochizuki's letter. As regards point 2 the position is that Miss. Leilamani Naidu wrote to us in her letter No. D.5219-NGO/53 of 4th December, 1953, that Rev. Mochizuki should be informed that at a proper time Netaji's ashes will be sent for and appropriately kept in India. Since then the Prime Minister in answer to a question in the Lok Sabha on 29th September, 1955, said that no steps should be taken without the approval of the family of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. We do not know if there have been any further developments in this connection. It is for our Government to decide whether they would ask for the ashes to be sent to India and the manner in which Netaji's ashes should be preserved or consecrated.

3. I presume it is your intention that you should yourself reply to Rev. Mochizuki's letter.

Yours sincerely,

M.J.

(C. S. Jha)

Shri B.K. Acharya,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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(158) D.O. No. 254/NGO

Top Secret

9th September, 1957

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My dear Jha,

I enclose for your information copy of a representation dated 1st July, 1957, addressed to the Prime Minister by the Priest of the Rankoji Temple regarding the ashes of the late Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. I shall be grateful if you will be so good as to acknowledge the Priest's letter and let us have your comments very early about the matter. As you are aware, the Prime Minister is likely to visit the temple during his tour to Japan.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(B.K. Acharya)

Shri C.S. Jha, ICS,
Ambassador of India,
TOKYO

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT
NEW DELHI 3-4459-NOC/51

Dated the 22nd July, 1957.

My dear Bhattacharjee,

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In continuation of Prime Minister's minute dated the 30th November, 1953 to Secretary General/Foreign Secretary, I am desired to forward herewith, for necessary action, a letter dated the 1st July, 1957 (in original), addressed by Shri Kyoei Mochizuki, Priest of Rankoji Tample, Tokyo, to the Prime Minister about the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The letter has not been acknowledged.

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Yours sincerely,

Please deal with

M.L. Bazaz

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Shri P.C. Bhattacharjee,
Private Secretary to the
Foreign Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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July 1, 1957,
 130, 2-chome, Koenji,
 Suginami-ku, Tokyo
 Japan.

His Excellency,
 Dr. Pandit Jawaher Lal Nehru,
 The Prime Minister of India,
 New Delhi, India.

Dear Sir,

As I stated in my letter dated November 25, 1955, I am keeping the ashes of Netaji Sbath Chandra Bose single-handed with a religionist's firm belief in so doing. During the past 13 years, I have overcome various difficulties to safe guard the ashes and never forgot due services to rest the soul of Netaji.

As a result of investigations made by a mission which was dispatched here by your government in 1956 to inquire into the death of the late Chandra Bose, the problem of Netaji's ashes safely kept in my temple has come to attract much public attention both here and abroad, and this made me more prudent in the safe-keeping and protection of the ashes. Considering the importance of the problem, I am firmly resolved to protect the ashes against any developments to maintain the dignity of Netaji's soul and to safe guard his ashes.

In January 1954, a man you appointed came to my temple and read your letter to me. At that time, I expressed my desire to get the contribution of a sublime box to contain the ashes. He promised me to transmit it to you, but I am sorry to say that it has not yet been realized.

Now, I hope you will allow me to inform you the following three points, on which if you kindly let me know your intentions, I would be greatly obliged.

1. August 18 of this year is the 13th anniversary of Netaji's death. Since it is the most important event for my temple, I am planning to hold a solemn memorial service with the support of the Japanese Foreign Office, Indian Embassy in Japan, Tokyo Metropolitan Government and various other organizations concerned to mark the occasion with great significance.

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2. If you do not mind, I would like to ask you whether your government has decided any measures for the maintenance of the dignity and the safe-keeping as well as for the return to India of Netaji's ashes.

3. At the news of your visit to Japan, the Japanese people are looking forward to the day with joy. It is easily supposed that you will be very busy with official arrangements when you visit Japan, but I sincerely hope as a religionist that you will visit my temple as a part of your official itinerary, or if impossible, unofficially, to console the soul of Netaji.

I have the honour to pray that you will be in good health as ever,

Yours very truly,

Kyoei Mochizuki

Kyoei Mochizuki
Priest of Renkoji Temple

~~TOP SECRET.~~

Chief Secretary
West Bengal

D.O. No. 653 P.S.

Calcutta;
June 10, 1957.

My dear Sahgal,

Please refer to your Top Secret D.O. No.F.5/21/56-T dated August 23/24, 1956 and subsequent reminders. I am sorry I did not let you know the result of the enquiry which was held soon after your letter was received.

As a result of the enquiry, we decided not to conduct any searches. The result of the enquiry by the Intelligence Branch revealed the following facts.

Sunil Krishna Gupta of 25/A Kristo Dass Pal Lane, Calcutta, is well educated, possesses considerable cultural attainments and is intimately known to the Bose family. All the members of Sunil's family, including his two grown up sisters were associated with the political movement in the Far East sponsored by the late Subhas Chandra Bose. Sunil along with Amar Majumdar were superficially connected with the affairs of the Netaji enquiry that were being conducted by Shri Suresh Bose. So far as the inner matters were concerned, Sunil and Amar were never taken into confidence by Shri Suresh Bose. Both were mainly engaged in typing work, carrying news to the press, calling people, etc. According to I.B. report from quarters close to Shri Suresh Bose, one of the two youths is even being suspected by the inner group for leakage of information and this suspected person is probably Sunil himself.

A highly responsible member of the former Rani Jhansi Regiment and a Commander of one of the INA Guerrilla Regiments, both of whom were in the confidence of Shri Suresh Bose, told our agent that not even a scrap of the secret papers of the Government of India had so far come to the possession of the inner group of Shri Suresh Bose.

I.B. source reported that knowing Shri Suresh Bose as he did and from the information received so far, Sunil or Amar could not be the custodian of valuable documents

reported to have been procured by Shri Suresh Bose or any member of his inner group.

It is reported that Sunil only met Thevar during the time that Sunil visited Delhi sometime after the members of the Enquiry Committee returned to India from Japan. Thereafter Sunil had not met Thevar either in Calcutta or elsewhere.

In view of the facts revealed, we decided not to conduct a search in the house of Sunil Krishna Gupta.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

S.N. Ray

Shri N. Sahgal, I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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REG. A.D.

D.O. No. F.5/21/56-T.

New Delhi.

August 23/24, 1956.

Dear Shri Ray,

The Intelligence Bureau have reported that they have received information from a reliable source that some of the Top Secret papers of the Government of India made available to the Chairman of the Netaji Enquiry Committee are now in the possession of one Sunil Krishna Gupta, 25/A, Kristo Dass Pal Lane, Calcutta, and that it appears that he obtained them through Shri Bose, who was a member of the Enquiry Committee. It is further reported that Sunil Krishna Gupta intends to show those papers to Shri Muthuramalinga Thevar, who is his friend. We are bringing this matter to your notice as you might like to have the matter looked into and if you consider it necessary, have the premises of Sunil Krishna Gupta searched for the recovery of the file. We would be grateful if you could inform us of the action taken and the result thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

N. SAHGAL

Shri S. N. Ray, I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the
Govt. of West Bengal, Calcutta.

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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

(Ministry of Home Affairs)

We reliably understand that some of the Top Secret papers of the Government of India made available to the Chairman of the Netaji Enquiry Committee are now in the possession of one Sumil Krishna Gupta, 25/A, Kristo Dass Pal Lane, Calcutta. He appears to have obtained them through his friend Mr. Bose who was a member of the Netaji Enquiry Committee and intends to show them to Mr. Muthuramalinga Thevar his friend.

For information and for the consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs if any action is to be taken against S.K. Gupta.

Sd/-

S. Balakrishna Shetty
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

M.H.A. (Shri A.V. Pai)
D.I.B. U.O.No.31/DG/56 dated, 17 August 1956.

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No. F-25(4) NGO.

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7th September, 1956.

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Dear Sri Srinivasan,

I am desired by the Foreign Secretary to forward for the use of the Prime Minister the 5 copies of the printed Report of the Netaji Enquiry Committee enclosed herewith.

2. 35 copies of the Report are being simultaneously sent to the Cabinet Secretariat together with the Memorandum No. F25(4)NGO dated 6th September, 1956, enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

(M. S. SAIT)
Deputy Secretary.

Sri C.R. Srinivasan,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
NEW DELHI.

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No. 25 (4) KIGO dt. 6. 9. 56

M.E.A. Memorandum on Report of
the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
Enquiry Committee addressed
to Shri V.N. Sankaranarayanan,
Secretary Cabinet Secretariat,
New Delhi. (103-A).

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connection with Thosla Commission
Enquiry.

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6th August, 1956.

Dear Dr. Roy,

I send herewith for your personal information at this stage a copy of the Netaji Enquiry Committee's report. Prime Minister has not yet had time to consider it. We have to decide whether it should be released to the public with a Government resolution as is sometimes done with reports of this kind. An alternative course would be for the Prime Minister to place the report on the table of the Parliament with or without a short statement.

2. As you will notice the report is only signed by two members, Shah Nawaz Khan and S.N. Mitra. Mitra has told me that the third member, Suresh Chandra Bose, made himself scarce after he had agreed to the synopsis for the draft and until the date of the submission of the report Suresh Babu could not be contacted. We had also reports from our Ambassador in Tokyo, Shri B.R. Sen, that Suresh Babu behaved rather queerly when he was in Tokyo. For example, he used to meet people without the knowledge of the other members of the Committee and made a little too much of his connection with Netaji. Simultaneously he used to pay visits to the Japanese Foreign Office and contact junior officers there to explore possibilities of establishing trade connections, apparently on his private account, with the Japanese. I have a horrible suspicion: it is possible that Suresh Babu will come out independently with a report of his own dissenting from the conclusions in the present report. All this is very unfortunate since this difference of opinion among the members of the Committee will be utilized by designing people to keep up a particular myth either for political considerations or from selfish motives.

3. The Committee's report is quite interesting and you might find it worthwhile to glance through it. We are printing the report and a sufficient number of printed copies will be sent to the West Bengal Government after it has been placed on the table of the House.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)
Foreign Secretary.

Dr. B.C. Roy,
Chief Minister of West Bengal,
C/o Dr. J.P. Ganguli, M.B.,
42, Ratendore Road,
New Delhi.

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SHAH NAWAZ KHAN, M.P.
Chairman, Netaji Enquiry Committee.

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PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

TO
MINISTER FOR
TRANSPORT & RAILWAYS
INDIA

Room No. 37, Parl. House,
New Delhi,
Dated the 19th June 1956.

My dear Shri Dutt,

S.D.F.A.

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Let us discuss.
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Discussed with Dr. Debnath
Have seen a copy of Dr. Debnath's file

Please refer to the Prime Minister's note No. 24, dated 25/6

20-10-1955, para 3, File No. 25/4/NGO (Vol.II) attached, in which he has suggested that "after this enquiry begins, it might be worthwhile for us to ask the American Embassy and the British High Commission if it is possible for them to give us some information."

The Committee is now in the final stage of writing out the Report. It would be very much appreciated if information on the lines suggested above by the Prime Minister could be obtained from the American and British Governments.

During the course of his evidence before the Committee in Tokyo, one Col. J.G. Figgess, who is at present employed as the Military Attaché in the British Embassy in Tokyo, stated that he was in Tokyo in September 1945 as a Staff Officer to Lt. General Gairdner, then Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of the U.K. attached to General MacArthur, and that he had received orders from either the Headquarters of Supreme Allied Commander, S.E. Asia Command, Kandy (Ceylon) or the Director of Military Intelligence India, in September 1945 asking him to carry out enquiries in Tokyo and Formosa to ascertain the truth about the story of the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. These enquiries were carried out by him through the agency of the Counter Intelligence Corp attached to the Headquarters of the S.C.A.P. (General MacArthur) in Tokyo.

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Japan. Col. Figgess was positive that a copy of his report would be available with the British Government. He had also sent a copy of his report to the then Government of India (either the Director of Military Intelligence, G.H.Q. India or to the Director of Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi). It would be very much appreciated if any information of the nature suggested could be obtained from the British and American sources.

Yours sincerely,

Shah Nawaz Khan
(SHAH NAWAZ KHAN)

Shri S. Dutt, ICS,
Foreign Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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26th May

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My dear Anand Mohan Sahay,

I am desired by the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of 5th May 1956 to him about the Netaji Enquiry Committee. We are aware of this problem and can only hope that the gentleman concerned will express a fair, unbiased and impartial opinion on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

T.M. Kaul
(T.M. Kaul)

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Shri A.M. Sahay,
Consul-General of India,
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Hanoi,
the 5th May, 1956.

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My dear Netaji

S.G.

PS.

As desired by the Government, I visited Saigon for four days, from 30th April to 3rd May, to meet the Netaji Enquiry Committee and to give them all informations that they wanted and that I could give.

Having discussed the things with the members of the Committee collectively as well as individually and having collected some informations about their views, I feel that I must inform you about my feelings regarding the work of the Committee. I am sorry to inform you that I found Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, a member of the Committee and brother of Netaji, having a very peculiar way of approach. It was very clear from his talks with me that he has gone with pre-conceived ideas and is making all possible efforts to discredit the work of the Committee itself.

I doubt if he is going to sign the joint report. He may, perhaps, submit a separate report based on his own fantastic ideas. He is bitterly against Shah Nawaz. To my greatest surprise, he thinks that Shah Nawaz is "a traitor and pro-Pakistani at heart". Knowing Shah Nawaz well since 1943, it is difficult for me to agree with the views of Mr. Bose, although he tried to persuade me to agree with him.

I warned him that in Tokyo there were various groups of Indians, each having its own axe to grind, and that he should not demonstrate his differences with Shah Nawaz among the people there. I am afraid he may join hands with some such groups to secure support for his imaginations and ideas and in order to discredit Shah Nawaz and the Committee. He is bent upon proving that Netaji is alive and that he will come to India at the head of an army in 1957-58. He



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bases this theory on the predictions of some madcaps called astrologers.

I also tried to make him realise that suggesting that Netaji would invade free India with the help of some foreign army would be doing greatest insult to the memory of that great patriot. I told him that such a suggestion might have been appreciated by some people if India, after independence, had gone wrong and the situation there had called for another revolution to change the order. But, I said, even the worst critics would admit that India has done remarkably well both nationally as well as internationally and today the stock of the Government of India is very high at home as well as abroad. Under these circumstances, I said, if, unfortunately, some Indian, however great and popular, comes to India at the head of a foreign army, he would be looked upon and treated as the greatest traitor.

I have mentioned this even in my statement. But, it seems, he is blind to all these facts and is sticking to his own views. I thought it fit to let you know these facts. I feel, it was a wrong choice to select such a prejudiced person for such an important Committee. A good unanimous report of such a Committee would have successfully removed all doubts and misunderstandings in the minds of those who still sincerely believe that Netaji is alive. I am sorry to find that the inclusion of Mr. Bose in this Committee will mar that possibility.

With kind regards and best wishes,

You are very

Jawaharlal Nehru

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

O.T.P.

CCB NO. 3370.

Telegram

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From: Foreign New Delhi.
To : Indembassy Tokyo.

DTO MAY 24 1956.

IMMEDIATE

No. 28409. Ambassador from Kaul.

Reference our telegram No. 28407 May 22. U.K. High Commission have just informed us that their Consul in Taipah has telegraphed that Formosan authorities are willing to allow 5 Chinese whose names were given by Committee to be examined by British Consul in the presence of Formosan officials. They are however not prepared to let them go to Hongkong to appear before our Committee. British Consul would like to have names in Chinese of the witnesses and the corresponding Giles references.

2. He did not mention anything about the entries in the Crematorium Register and is being reminded about it.

3. Formosan authorities' refusal to allow witnesses to go to Hongkong is significant. It is possible that they may tutor their witnesses and make them give wrong statements which may only complicate the work of the Committee. Our opinion therefore that Committee should not visit Formosa is confirmed. Please consult and ask them whether they would still like British Consul in Formosa to examine Chinese witnesses. Our advice would be that you should wait till you hear from the Japanese authorities in response to your approach.

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BHATIA(24).
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Referred

Superintendent UCB.

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From : Foreign, New Delhi.
To : Indembassy, Tokyo.

DTO MAY 221400

IMMEDIATE

No. 28407.

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Ambassador from Kaul.

Your telegram No. 44 May 19. Matter has been placed before Prime Minister. We had made it clear to Committee in Delhi that it would not be practicable or advisable for them to visit Formosa. The only possible advantage of going there might have been to see entries in hospital registers. At that time the hospital was run by the Japanese and all the Japanese must have come away. There can be no first hand evidence available there. It is conceivable however that some entries in the hospital register might give some further information. We would like you to suggest to the Committee that you may on their behalf request the Japanese Government to ask their Ambassador in Formosa to be good enough to see the hospital entries and secure certified copies. At the Committee's request we had approached U.K. High Commission here to get this information for us but have not had a reply yet. The Japanese Ambassador in Formosa would be in a better position to handle this matter than the British who have only a Consul.

2. We have considered the matter again and are not in favour of the Committee visiting Formosa. Japanese good offices may enable Committee to land there but it is unlikely that the Formosan Government will give any facilities. In fact they may put obstacles and suggest degrading conditions. Apart from this politically this will be very embarrassing for us and might lead to complicating situations. If the Committee feel that there may be some public criticism here later they are at liberty to state, if necessary, that External Affairs Ministry advised them against a visit to Formosa.

PPS TO PM, PS TO PM(4), Minister without Portfolio, Minister, Deputy Minister, SG(2), FS(2), CS(2), JSE, DSXP, SOFA, USFEM(2), SC NO¹ and Cabinet Secretary.

B.M. Manchanda

Superintendent CCB

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CCB No. 5160

TELEGRAM:

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From: Indembassy, Tokyo.
To : Foreign, New Delhi.

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IMMEDIATE

No. 44.

DUTT from SEN.

In a confidential letter to me today the Netaji Enquiry Committee states "the Committee has examined a number of witnesses in Japan and feel it would be very desirable to pay* a visit to Formosa if it is at all possible. The Japanese Foreign Office has been helping the Committee in its work in every way and it may be presumed that they would be helpful if a proposal for Committee's visit to Formosa is made to them. At a small party given by Mr. HATTORI Chief of the Asian Desk and others of the Foreign Office this matter was brought up informally and Mr. HATTORI gave me* to* understand that such a request if made to them they would be willing to use their good offices with the Taiwan authorities. The Committee has another two weeks in Japan and would be obliged if the possibility of paying a visit to Formosa is further examined to enable them to do so during this time". The position appears to be that the Japanese Government will not give any definite undertaking to move in the matter without a definite proposal either from the Committee or from the Embassy and neither of us can make such a request without Government approval in view of DUTT's letter to the Committee 18th April. I have today explained to the Committee the further deterioration in the relations between India and Formosa over Formosa's disruption of diplomatic relations with Egypt but feel that if this approach by the Committee is peremptorily dismissed the Committee will have a grievance which may make their whole report infructuous in the eyes of some sections of our people. In my view therefore the Committee should be permitted to approach Japanese Government for their good offices in the matter* even if Embassy keep out of it.

Please place this before Prime Minister.

PPS TO PM: PS TO PM(4): MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: MINISTER:
DY. MINISTER: SG(2): FS(2): CS(2): JSE: DSXP: SOFA:
USFEA(2): SONGO AND CABINET SECRETARY.

J. C. H. A. S.
Superintendent CCB.

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30th April 56

Dear Shri Shah Nawaz,

I enclose a cutting from the Amrita Bazar Patrika (Allahabad) dated 25-4-1956, which may be of interest to you and the Netaji Enquiry Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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(T.N. Kaul)

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan,
Chairman, Netaji Enquiry Committee,
C/o Embassy of India in Japan,
TOKYO.

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With the Compliments of

A.R. Vyas
Dy. Principal Information Officer
E.A. Ministry.

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To

The N.G.O. Section,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, NEW DELHI.

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Respectfully
Yours
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A. B. Patrika (Allahabad)

April 25, 1956.

How Netaji Met With Plane Crash

An Hitherto Untold Story Of The Fatal Flight From Saigon Airport

A Flying Officer of the then Japanese Air Force, who travelled in the same plane with Netaji from Saigon, gives the following account of the air crash and the subsequent happenings of which he was eye-witness. For reasons of his own the officer is not inclined to disclose his identity.

It was August 1945, two or three weeks before the surrender by Japan. The H.Q. of the Seventh Japanese Air Force at Palemban had been damaged by the U.S. Task-forces. The staff of the J.A.F. were called by the Japanese Commander-in-Chief to proceed to Saigon to prepare for the next action.

The Staff-In-Charge of Tactics, Lt.-Col. Shiro Ishigaki arranged a well-equipped bomber 93-III at Palemban and flew with some staff members to Saigon. There they heard on the 15th August the announcement of Japan's surrender. Lt.-Col. Ishigaki was ordered to fly to Tokyo to explain the situation of the Southern Air Force (4th Air Army) before the Council of Staffs in Tokyo.

Lt.-Col. Ishigaki intended to use the same plane which had brought him from Palemban, as the plane was well-equipped and well-installed and as he was familiar with it. Just at the time when he was going to take off an order came from the H.Q. to change the plane. He protested against the order and asked the H.Q. to allow him to use the one which had brought him from Palemban, but it was in vain.

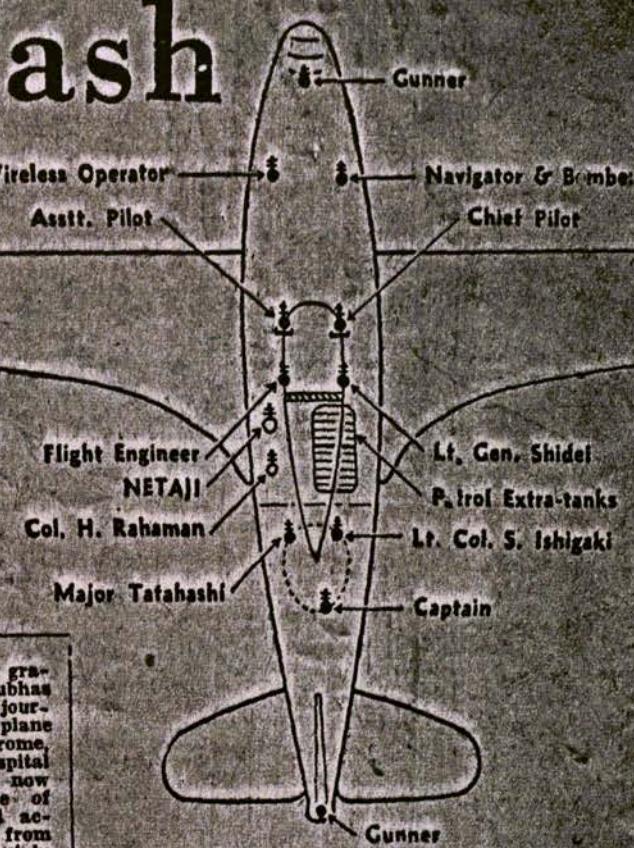
The newly given plane was of the same type as Bomber 93-III but as was afterwards revealed, it had met with an accident earlier. Its nose and propeller had been damaged by touching the ground. Of course the whole engine had

For the first time the graphic details of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's fateful journey from Saigon, the plane accident at Taipch aerodrome, his last moment in hospital are available. Up till now since the disappearance of Netaji no such detailed account of the accident from eye-witnesses has come out in the press in this country.

Working for some time to unravel the mystery of Netaji's disappearance, Shri Hiren Singh and Shri Deven Das, made contacts by personal interviews and correspondence with a number of Japanese and Indian nationals who could throw light on the mystery. In view of the Netaji Enquiry Commission now in session in Calcutta, Shri Singh and Shri Das have released to the press the information they had been able to gather in the course of their efforts to unravel the mystery.

(in Formosa) through the whole night by the ground engineers. As the distance was very long, petrol was filled up in all the tanks including the additional tanks by the side of the seat of Netaji.

The plane took off early in the



The diagram of the plane carrying Netaji showing Netaji's by side of extra petrol tank and seats of other passengers.

seated in the rear cabin being thrown away with the rear portion of the machine. Survived amongst them were Lt.-Col. Ishigaki the Major and the other captain.

In the emergency of this accident the engineer as well as the pilot were unable to cut off the switches of the electrical circuits and in the stress of the crush the circuits were broken and gave sparks which caused immediate fire. The extra petrol tank burst and petrol spread to the body of Netaji. He could not avoid fire, being unable to open the emergency exit near him which had got jammed by the impact.

Lt.-Col. Ishigaki in rear of explosion took shelter behind a stone pile and after a few moments seeing fire coming out of

hashi and Col. Rahaman koku aerodrome in Kuan ashes were handed over to the Fifth Air Army and from the ashes were taken train to Tokyo under two together with the personal of Netaji in a wooden box.

At Tokyo in the office General Staff Council the were received by Lt.-Col. T. one of the members of the He received them with the secrecy and enshrinéd in office. It was about a week after the accident. The General Office was then in a complete tumult. Even after the end of the occupation by the Forces, no body wanted to be involved in the matter and information was not available for a few years later when I started writing about death and about the public in India, where a secret believed that Netaji

was examined and tested fully before it was ready for use.

The members on board were expected to be the following: Lt.-Gen. Shidai, Lt.-Col. Ishigaki, Major Tatabashi, a captain, Chief Pilot, Asst. Pilot, Flight Engineer, Wireless Operator, Navigator and Bomber, two gunners.

Netaji On Board

The plane was commanded by Lt.-Col. Ishigaki as he was the seniormost air officer present. Lt.-General Shidai was a ground force commander of a Division representing the Southern Japanese Army. He was to fly with others as a passenger to place the report of the Southern armies before the General Staff Council in Tokyo. The flight was prepared to be undertaken at mid-day August 17, 1945. Just as the plane was ready to take off another order came in the HQ to wait a little while carry another person, an important figure, not a Japanese national. His identity was not disclosed. A little later the HQ ordered that the plane would have to take two more, not one, additional passengers, their identity not being disclosed.

Col. Ishigaki informed the that all seats in the plane were up and he would not be able to take these two additional passengers. But the HQ insisted that must be accommodated in the as they had a very urgent need.

Meanwhile two foreign officers in uniform rushed up to the air-

Lt.-Col. Ishigaki was informed that they were Netaji as Chandra Bose and his party. Col. Habibur Rahman, Netaji had been in Saigon to a thorough discussion with Marshal Terauchi, C-in-C, Southern Armies. As the seats in plane had already been filled, two additional seats were added in the narrow path between the pilot's seat and the gunner's seat, by the side of additional petrol tank. Netaji, Col. Habibur Rahman were seated to take these seats. I took the seat in front and Rahman sat behind him, brought suitcases which loaded into the plane.

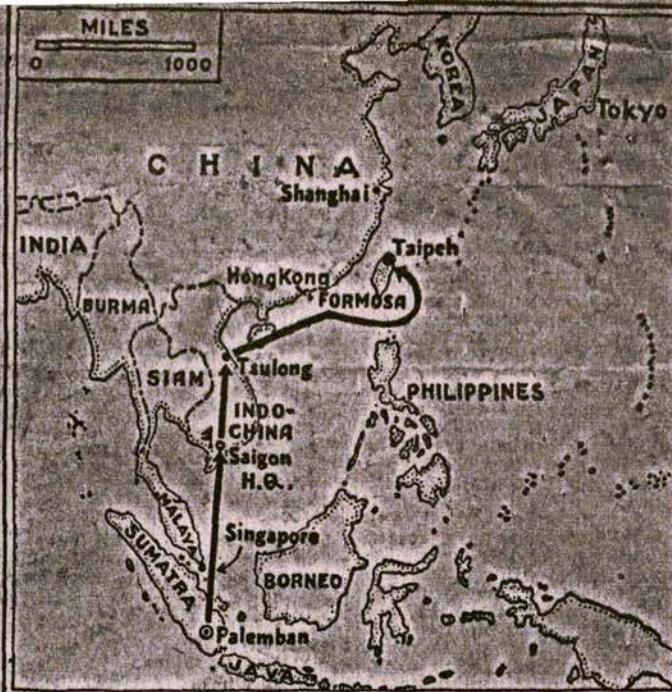
Plane took off from the aerodrome three hours later jolted owing to these last changes. After an excellent landing, after a delay at Tsulang. During the plane behaved very well, no trouble with engine, as well as with the crew. After the flight the examined and checked again and nothing found with the machine, including Netaji, Col. Rahman, Shidai and Lt.-Col. Ishigaki accommodated in a hotel for night stopover, sat together far into talking about the future of the war itself. Netaji in very good mood, lively and determined, and his talk made a deep impression on those present.

Future Plans

Ked the people of Japan best co-operation and for him as well as the I.N.A., are that India and other Asian nations which dominated by foreign for a long time would be.

And I.N.A.'s task would be fulfilled. He expressed his intention to work for the consolidation of Asian national freedom. He also expressed his determination to remain at the risk of his life in the international war against the International War Criminal Court to expose before the opinion the domination of powers over the Asian nations. Lt.-Col. Ishigaki expressed his appreciation of the sentiments expressed by Netaji.

Plane was prepared for the flight from Tsulang to Taipei



Route of the plane which carried Netaji from Saigon to Taipei.

morning from Tsulang to make a direct flight to Taipei. As the plane was on its way, wireless information came from Shanghai warning that two groups of fighters belonging to Kuomintang were coming towards the east. So the captain of the plane Lt.-Col. Ishigaki directed the pilot to change the course to farther east passing through the Bashi straight (lying between Formosa and the Philippines) and the plane made its course round about the Formosa island and reached Taipei safely at about noon from the east.

Just about that time the ground force of Taipei aerodrome were engaged in making preparations to receive Prince Mikasa who was expected there on his way from Tokyo to Saigon to convey personally the order of the Emperor to C-in-C, Southern Armies. Field Marshal Terauchi who was in his HQ to stop all actions against the allied forces. It was necessary to send the Prince to Saigon as it was assumed in Tokyo that the Southern Armies might not cease fighting notwithstanding the Emperor's radio announcement that Japan had surrendered. So a member of the Royal household was personally carrying the message of the Emperor to F.M. Terauchi. This was in consonance with Japanese practice. Tents had been put up at the aerodrome for the reception of the Prince in which lunch was served to the new arrivals from Saigon.

The Crash

After refilling petrol in all the tanks the plane carrying Netaji was brought to the starting point of the runway about half past one. It started 200 kilometres per hour at the time of lifting with the speed of 200 km. per hour with the engine's full power, the propeller equipped for left hand side flew away and the plane was disbalanced towards the left hand side and turning to the left touched and dashed against the stone pile, which had been kept there for the mending of the runway. This was about three ft. from the ground. The left-wing and the top portion of the plane being crushed by the impact with the stone pile, the rear portion was cut off and plane immediately caught fire.

The front gunner and the wireless operator died immediately in the top cabin, but fortunately the navigator slipped down through the emergency door with a slight injury. The pilot died, so also Lt.-Gen. Shidai. The flight engineer narrowly escaped, though he was

the plane, came out to see what had happened. He saw Col. Habibur Rahman dragging out Netaji from the plane on to the ground, having torn off his clothes. Rahman who was seated behind Netaji escaped serious burns. Two-thirds of the upper portion of Netaji's body was burnt up.

Last Moments

Emergency ground forces were sent for immediate rescue work. Lt.-Col. Ishigaki as a staff member bearing an important task had to rush to the HQ to send wireless message to Tokyo about the accident, leaving the looking after of the rescue work to others of the party. When he came back from the HQ to the place of the accident, he found that Netaji had already been taken with the utmost expedition to the military hospital, a little far from the aerodrome.

The surgeon in charge of the Hospital (now living in Ishiun, Kagoshima, southernmost part of Japan) was informed over the phone that a very important person was in danger of life by an aeroplane accident and along with others injured would be taken to the hospital immediately. The surgeon along with his staff made ready to receive the injured. When the surgeon came to know the name of Netaji, he made the utmost effort to save his life. But he had received serious burns, two-thirds of the upper part of the body being badly burnt and face disfigured. He lay on the bed naked, merely breathing without uttering anything.

At the dead of night at about 11-30, Netaji uttered "mizu mizu" (water) and breathed his last.

Col. Ishigaki's Account

The following is the account of Lt.-Col. Ishigaki of subsequent happenings:

As he was a task bearer to inform the General Staff Council about the situation of the southern air forces and also about the ground forces owing to the death of Lt.-Gen. Shidai, Lt.-Col. Ishigaki had to leave for Tokyo by an immediate plane and could not look after the cremation of the body of Netaji. The whole charge was given to Major Tatabashi, who had accompanied him in the plane and to the ground forces there.

The cremation took place somewhere outside the airport. Lt.-Col. Ishigaki did not know the exact location as he had already left the place. The ashes of Netaji were conveyed to Japan by Major Tatabashi.

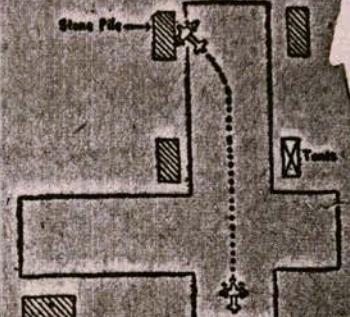
believed that Netaji was alive somewhere.

Lt.-Col. Takakura

The following is the account of Lt.-Col. Takakura: He received the ashes at the Staff Office from the guards and then in consultation with the I.N.A. director, Mr. Murti and others, who were in Tokyo sent those ashes sometime later to the Japanese Buddhist temple Rankoji, whose chief is Bhikkhu Mochizuki. At that time various temples were visited by them and requested to enshrine the ashes but the proposal was not accepted as no one wanted to be involved in the complicated matter. Being requested by the diplomatic representative of the Indian Government in Tokyo, Bhikkhu Mochizuki accepted the proposal. The temple is situated in Horinouchi, Nakanoku, Tokyo and belongs to the Nichiren sect.

The following is the account of Bhikkhu Mochizuki:

The Bhikkhu had no hesitation in receiving the ashes though there was the risk of his being involved in the controversial matter. At first a monthly commemoration service attended by a small group of people was held at the said temple and thereafter diplomatic representatives of India and of the I.N.A. also attended the ceremony. Gradually it was known to the people of Japan and now-a-day the annual commemoration cer-



The plan of the runway at Taipei aerodrome. The plane after taking off dashed against the stone pile which had been kept there for repair of the runway. The tents which had been pitched for the reception of Prince Mikasa are also shown in the drawing.

mony of Netaji is held on a grand scale at the said temple in Tokyo.

The Bhikkhu intends to send the ashes to India if the people of India so desire and he also intends to construct a Stupa at the temple premises for the eternal commemoration of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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**Netaji Enquiry
Committee**

**3 Persons Examined
On Tuesday**

Three persons gave evidence before the Netaji Enquiry Committee on Tuesday which met in Calcutta under the Chairmanship of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

In the morning Shri Himangshu Kumar Roy and Shri Kalipada Dey were disposed of by the Committee. In the afternoon Shri S. M. Goswami was examined.

On Wednesday the Committee will record the evidence of Mr. Nigeshi, a Japanese interpreter who was attached to Netaji, Shri Hiren Singha, Shri Deben Das and Shri Jagadish Sinha.



No. PS/56/N.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD).

New Delhi.
Dt. 27th Feb. 1956.

Shri A.J. Kidwai,
Deputy Secretary to Govt. of India.
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan's D.O. letter to you dt. PS/56/N of 17-2-1956, this is now to state that the address of Col. Pritam Singh is as follows:-

Col. Pritam Singh,
Village & P.O. Doiwala (Rly. Station),
District Dehra Dun. U.P.

Yours faithfully,

R.D.

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D.O. No. PS/56/N.
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
 (RAILWAY BOARD).
 1, Canning Lane,
 New Delhi,
 Dated the 17th Feb. 1956.

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Dear Shri Kidwai,

The Committee would like to examine the under-mentioned
 Ex-I.N.A. Officers at Delhi:-

1. Col. Habibul Rahman, at present in the service of Pakistan Government, Political Department.
2. Col. Pritam Singh, village Khera Dona, District Kapurthala, Pepsu.
3. Shri Devnath Das, 171/3, Rash Behari Avenue, Calcutta-19.
4. Shri S.A. Iyer, Information Officer, Government of Bombay, Bombay.
5. Col. Gulzara Singh, Indian Army.

The Committee would like to meet at Delhi with effect from the 15th of March 1956, and after finishing the study of documents and examination of witnesses from India & Pakistan, they would like to leave for Saigon either in the 3rd or the 4th week of March. Necessary steps in this direction may please be taken to secure the presence of witnesses in Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

(SHAH NAWAZ KHAN)

Shri A.J. Kidwai,
 Deputy Secretary to Govt. of India,
 Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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Telegram

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From - Foreign, New Delhi.
To - Andamans, Port Blair.

DTO February 25 1960.

No. 24705. Maitra from Foreign Secretary.

✓ Your telegram 00063 of February 22. Home Secretary says you will be relieved in time for you to catch the boat sailing 18th March. Please await further instruction about enquiry committee care Chief Secretary Calcutta.

PPS TO PM: PS TO PM(4): SHRI V.K.KRISHNA MENON: MINISTER:
DY MINISTER: SG(2): ES(2): CS(2): JSE: JSAD: JSA:
SHRI PREM KRISHEN: DSXP: SONGO: CABINET SECRETARY:
MINISTER AND SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(2).

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Superintendent CCB.

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25.2.1956.

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CCB NO. 1818.

Telegram

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From: Andamans, Port Blair.
To : Foreign, New Delhi.

DTO FEB 22 NIL.
DTR FEB 230530.

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No. 00063. From MAITRA to Mr. S. DUTT Foreign Secretary.

Please refer to my telegram No. secret 00062 10th February regarding membership of Committee investigating death of NETAJI SUBHAS. Ship touches Port* Blair* once in three weeks. Next sailing about 1st March. To enable make necessary arrangements request definite direction by signal.

PPS TO PM: PS TO PM(4): SHRI V.K.KRISHNA MENON: MINISTER:
DY MINISTER: SG(2): FS(2): CS(2): JSE: JSAD: JSA: SHRI PREM KRISHEN: DSXP: SONGO: CAB SECY: MINISTER AND SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(2).

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Superintendent CCB.

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No. FS/ 215

February 22, 1956.

D.S.(E)

My dear Ray,

It has been brought to our notice that Suresh Chandra Bose who, as you know, is to be a member of the Enquiry Committee in connection with Netaji Bose's death, would expect an honorarium from Government of Rs.2,000/- or so. I do not know Shri Suresh Chandra Bose's pecuniary condition but I cannot believe that he would expect an honorarium from Government for this particular work. Could you make some informal enquiries and let me know. We have made no provision for any such expenditure.

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Yours sincerely,

(S. DUTT)
Foreign Secretary

Shri S.N. Ray,
Chief Secretary, West Bengal,
Calcutta.

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Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

February 22, 1958.

My dear Sen,

The Prime Minister has received your personal letter of February 8. He does not think that Dr. Radha Binod Pal would be quite suitable as a member of the particular committee.

I may add that Dr. Pal has been selected by Saudi Arabia as its nominee on an arbitration board in a dispute with an oil company and would not be available for some time.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)
Foreign Secretary.

Shri B.R. Sen,
Ambassador of India,
TOKYO
Japan.



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PERSONALEMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

0830-460/1B

February 8, 1956.

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Dear Jawaharlalji,

I find in the writings and speeches in Calcutta on the occasion of the sixtieth birthday anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose the expression of a desire that Radha Binod Pal might be included as a Member of the Investigation Committee as his inclusion will strengthen the composition of the Committee in the eyes of the people of Bengal.

Radha Binod Pal, as you are aware, enjoys a great reputation in Japan for his dissenting note as a Member of the War Crimes Tribunal and also generally for his sympathetic approach to Japanese problems after the war.

I have not discussed this matter with anyone here either in the Japanese Government or outside. You may already have thought about him. If you think inclusion of Radha Binod Pal as a Member of the Committee will help to satisfy public opinion in Bengal, I can see no objection whatever from this end. In fact, I feel - though I do not know Radha Binod Pal personally - his inclusion may give a certain stability and realism to the work of this Committee which it may - I have however no specific reason to say so - otherwise lack. Perhaps Dr. B.C. Roy will be able to advise you on this point.

Yours sincerely,

(B. R. Sen)

The Hon'ble Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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February 11, 1956.

Dear Dr. Roy,

I send herewith, for your personal information, a copy of a note which the Japanese Foreign Office has handed to our Ambassador in Tokyo on the circumstances relating to the death of Netaji Subhas Bose. It is our intention to place the report before the Committee which we shall be sending out shortly. Meantime, we shall be grateful if the secrecy of the document is preserved.

ISSUED
J. S. (E)

Yours sincerely,

S. Dutt
Foreign Secretary

Dr. B.C. Roy,
Chief Minister, West Bengal,
Calcutta

TOP SECRET

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No. F5/154

February 11, 1956.

My dear Sen,

Please refer to your demi-official letter No. F.5(1)-NGO-I of February 6. We have read the Note Verbale, received from the Japanese Foreign Office, with interest. We also note that you will place the material before the Investigation Committee when it arrives in Tokyo. In the meantime we shall let the Committee have a preliminary look at this material before they leave India.

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2. It does not look that the Committee will be able to leave India before early April. R.K. Mitra, who was to be a Member of the Committee, has recently joined as Chairman of the Calcutta Port Trust and will no longer be available. We are trying to get Sankar Mitra, at present Chief Commissioner, Andamans, to take his place.

3. We have noted the suggestion in paragraph 2 of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

(S. DUTT)
Foreign Secretary.

Shri B.R. Sen,
Ambassador of India,
Tokyo.

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Embassy of India, Tokyo. Top Secret.

Letter No. E. S (1)/NGO : I

Dated 6th Feb 1956

From (from B.R. Sen to
the S. Secr. Foreign Secretary)
enclosing Gaimush Notebooks

No. 24/A4 dt. 31.1.58 with

Japanese Govt's investigation report
(67-A, 67-B, 67-C)

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connection with Khosta
Commission Enquiry.

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CCB No. 1410

TELEGRAM: SECRET

From: Andamans, Port Blair.
To : Foreign, New Delhi.

DTO FEB 10 NIL
DTR FEB 111520

No. 00062.

From MAITRA to Mr. S.DUTT Foreign Secretary.

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Appreciate offer of member of Committee to investigate* death of* NETAJI SUBHAS and wish accept same. Kindly intimate approximate time when Committee expected leave* India*. Committee work said to take* four weeks. Including journey from Port Blair in my case total time six weeks. Already intimated Ministry of Home Affairs am prepared to hand over charge end April and proceed* on leave. In view of work at hand not possible hand over for good before end April*. If Committee goes abroad May or after can join after handing over. Otherwise have to return to Port Blair and hand over here middle June allowing six weeks absence. If latter kindly consult Ministry of Home Affairs.

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R.S.
Superintendent CCB.

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TELEGRAM

SECRET

From - Foreign, New Delhi.
To - Andamans, Port Blair.

DTO FEBY 091500

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No. 24686. Moitra from Foreign Secretary.

Dr. Roy has suggested your name as a Member of a Committee of three which the Government of India is appointing to investigate the circumstances relating to Netaji Subash Bose's death. The Committee will have to visit Thailand, Indo-China, Singapore and Japan and its work is likely to take four weeks. Shall be glad if you will accept assignment and postpone your leave by a month or so.

PS TO PM(4): SHRI V.K. KRISHNA MENON: MINISTER:
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Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

February 9, 1956.

Dear Dr. Roy,

Thank you for your D.O. letter No.109-CM
of the 4th February. I understand from A.V. Pai that
Sankar is due to be relieved about the 18th April. He
has asked for four months' leave. I will ask him whether
he would be willing to postpone his leave by three or
four weeks and join the Committee. The Home Ministry
here will be prepared to release him one or two weeks
earlier, if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)

Dr. B.C. Roy,
Chief Minister, West Bengal,
CALCUTTA



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D.O. NO. 109-CM 158A
574-A/50/12 CHIEF MINISTER

WEST BENGAL

Calcutta

The 3rd February, 1956

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My dear Subimal,

Your letter of the 1st February, 1956.

Since writing to you, I have heard from Ranjit Gupta that he will not be able to take this job as he has booked his passage to Europe on the 15th or 16th of February. I am afraid you will have to give him up.

Now, if your Committee is to leave for Japan in March, ^{earlier} they might as well leave a little earlier and you may ask Sankar Mitra to come a little earlier.

Yours sincerely,

(B. C. Roy)

Shri S. Dutt, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI.

D.O.No. 426

Dated, 6 February, 1956.

Dear Major General Shah Nawaz,

Foreign Secretary has slightly amended the terms of reference suggested by you for the proposed enquiry on the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

His formulation is as follows:-

"To enquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August 1945, his alleged death as a result of an aircraft accident and subsequent developments connected therewith."

2. Unless you have any further suggestions to make we will announce these terms of reference along with the formal announcement of the appointment of the committee.
3. We have been informed that Sri R.K.Mittra who has recently taken over as Commissioner of the Calcutta Port Trust cannot be spared for the work of the committee. Foreign Secretary is in correspondence with the Premier of West Bengal for a substitute for Shri Mittra.

Yours sincerely,

(A.J.Kidwai)

b/s
Major General Shah Nawaz Khan,
Parliamentary Secretary to
Minister of Transport,
NEW DELHI.

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Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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February 3, 1956.

The Government of India's invitation to you to join on the Committee which is being appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to you through Major-General Shah Nawaz Khan and Dr. B.C. Roy. We are glad to hear from General Shah Nawaz Khan that you have agreed to serve on the proposed Committee.

2. Before finalising the programme of the Committee, we should like to know whether it would be possible for you to undertake the journey to Japan towards the middle or end of next month. It will also be necessary for the Committee to meet once in Delhi before leaving for Japan.

ISSUED

(S. Dutt)

Shri Suresh Chander Bose,
C/o Shri Hari Das Mitra,
Ashu Biswas Road,
Calcutta

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No. 28/111

February 1, 1956.

Dear Dr. Roy,

Thank you for your letter No. 81-CM of January 30, 1956.

2. Ranajit Gupta will be an excellent choice for the membership of the Committee which is to go to Japan. I do hope you will succeed in inducing him to put off his leave. The Committee is to leave for Japan in March, and including the time of the journey to and back they may have to be on this particular job for a month or so. I mention this in order to give Gupta some estimate of the time that is likely to occupy him on this work.

3. I had a recent letter from Sankar Moitra. He has written to me that he will be returning to India some time in April. We would rather not wait till then.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)

Dr. B.C. Roy,
Chief Minister of West Bengal,
CALCUTTA



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U.P. NO. 71-CM/2A
491-N80/1b CHIEF MINISTER
WEST BENGAL
CALCUTTA
January 30, 1956
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My dear Subimal,

You remember I had spoken to you about R.K.Mitra's going to Japan. You told me that the Transport Department would find it difficult to spare him. I find there are two alternatives:

Mr.Ranajit Gupta who had been Chief Presidency Magistrate for many years, and Home Secretary before going to the Port Trust, would suit this post very well. He has taken leave for eight months with effect from the 26th of January. He is due to leave for Europe on the 18th of February but I have suggested to him that he might go to Japan before he goes to Europe. I do not know his reaction yet ; he is considering the matter. What do you say to it ?

The other alternative is that when Sankar Moitra comes back to Calcutta, he may before going to East Bengal, go over to Japan for three

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weeks.

Please let me know your views.

Yours sincerely,

B.C.B

Shri S.Dutt, ICS.,
Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

Copy.

"Kamini Kuthir" Bhubaneswar
(Orissa),
7th December, 1955.

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My dear Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan,

I am exceedingly sorry for not having replied to your letter earlier.

I had given you my word that I would be glad to be on the Committee and so was expecting confirmation of the same either from you or from some other source at Delhi.

In your letter to Shri Haridas Mitre, you expected me in Delhi during the present period. I am sorry I will be late by a few days, as the whole of this house is expected to be taken by some department of this Government for a fairly long period. As this will benefit me, I am remodelling this house so as to suit them well. My work here is almost finished and I wrote to Haridas yesterday that I could reach Calcutta on Sunday next, the 11th instant. I shall be in Calcutta for only 2 or 3 days and so expect to be in Delhi by the 16th or 17th instant. Please communicate this piece of news to Sheila and Pradip, as I am not writing to them about it.

I hope and trust all of you are doing well. I am well.

Yours very sincerely,

Suresh C. Bose.

Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan, M.P.,
New Delhi.

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No. 221-~~12638A
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17th January, 1956.

(Tel. No. 32515)

Dear Major-General Shah Nawaz,

I tried to see you this morning in connection with Netaji Subash Chander Bose Enquiry Committee arrangements, but I was told you have left for Calcutta. Since you will be in Calcutta and probably meeting your two other colleagues in the proposed Committee, we shall be grateful if you would kindly draw up in consultation with them a tentative programme of the Committee.

I have been asked to suggest to you the enclosed itinerary for the Committee, which of course may be revised as a result of your discussions. But as far as possible the programme suggested by you should not exceed five weeks, as Cabinet approval for the duration of the work of the Committee has been obtained for five weeks only. If, however, the Committee after a preliminary survey of the task before it feels that five weeks will not be sufficient for it to finish its work, it may ask for further extension of time.

I was asked to consult you about the terms of reference for the Committee. I hope during your stay in Calcutta you will also give some thought to it and let us have the benefit of your advice on return.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A. J. Kidwai)
Deputy Secretary.

*Pls send
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Major-General Shah Nawaz,
C/o Shri Arobindo Ghosh,
No.2 Moira Street,
Calcutta.

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15th to 20th February.

Committee meets and studies relevant papers and documents in External Affairs Ministry in New Delhi.

21st to 23rd February.

Examination of witnesses in India and Pakistan.

24th February.

Leave for Singapore.

25th to 28th February.

Examination of witnesses in Singapore.

29th February.

Leave for Bangkok.

1st to 3rd March.

Examination of witnesses in Bangkok.

4th March.

Leave for Saigon.

5th and 6th March.

Examination of witnesses in Saigon.

7th March.

Leave for Tokyo.

8th to 21st March.

Enquiry in Tokyo.

22nd March.

Leave for India.

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STARRED QUESTION NO. 431.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 1955.

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE, the committee?

QUESTION

No. 431 SHRI GIDWANI: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government are considering the question of setting up a Committee to enquire into the circumstances of the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?

SHRI RAGHURAMIAH:

SHRI KAMATH:

SARDAR HUKAM SINGH:

SHRI BAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI HEDA:

as requested.

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ANSWER

SHRI JAWAHRLAL NEHRU:

Government have decided to send some persons to Japan to investigate into the circumstances relating to the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose. The Japanese Government has been consulted, and they have promised us full cooperation in the enquiry.

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Shri Gidwani: Who will be the members of the committee?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is proposed to send three persons, one of them being a representative of the West Bengal Government, and two others, as we have not obtained the permission of those persons, it would not perhaps be fair to mention their names.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether those persons will also be requested to visit Formosa where this accident occurred?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, they will not be so requested.

To begin with, there are various difficulties in the way. We cannot visit a place without the co-operation of the Government of that place. Secondly, in effect, if the hon. Member will see, there will not be much purpose in visiting there, because all the so-called evidence, witnesses etc., are likely to be in Japan, if they survive. It is a military airfield and all the Japanese have been sent away from Formosa long ago. So all the persons are really in Japan - those who can be approached. Merely seeing the airfield will not convey any information or help.

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Shri Kamath: May I know if the attention of the Prime Minister has been drawn to a photograph published in a section of the Bengal Press some two months ago or a little later, reported to have been taken in Peking in May 1952 and published originally by the Workers' Press in Peking? Has he received a copy of this photograph? I will place it on the Table of the House or pass it on to you or to him. May I know if that Press photograph bears a striking resemblance to Netaji or is it merely a double as doubles are; and may I know whether this would be placed before the Committee of Enquiry?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have seen that photograph published in the newspapers. Personally, I do not attach much importance to a vague possible resemblance. There are so many vague possible resemblances in such matters. I do not think it is a matter which is of very serious consequence; but all these facts would be considered, naturally, whatever they are.

Shri Kamath: Has our Embassy in Tokyo been asked to informally or officially contact or consult the Japanese Govt. as to whether they will associate themselves with this Committee of Enquiry in an Indo-Japanese Commission so as to have a thorough enquiry into this matter?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: If I may read the second sentence of my answer, it says;

"The Japanese Government has been consulted and they have promised us full cooperation in the enquiry".

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Shri Kamath: Will ~~be~~ an Indo-Japanese Commission of
Enquiry or what?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know about it. This
raises matters of procedure. The point is that
they are fully co-operating in this.

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No. FS/42

23rd November, 1955.

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Dear Dr. Roy,

As the Prime Minister must have told you the Government of India have now decided to have an inquiry made into the circumstances of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's death about which some doubt lingers even now in the minds of some people. It is our intention to send a team of three persons from India to make inquiries on the spot in Japan. The Government of Japan have promised cooperation in this inquiry. It is not likely that permission would be given by the Taiwan authorities to the investigating team for inquiries in Taiwan, but on their way to Tokyo the team might halt at Saigon and Singapore to make informal inquiries at these two places. We do not envisage an elaborate inquiry involving the recording of evidence of a large number of witnesses. It will be more in the nature of an informal inquiry by the members of the team contacting people who may have information in their possession relating to Shri Bose's death. There are papers in the Ministry of External Affairs and before the team leaves for Tokyo the members should assemble in Delhi and look into the papers for a week or so. The Prime Minister attaches importance to the inquiry being carried out without too much fuss or publicity. This will be impressed on the members of the team.

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2. It is the Prime Minister's idea that the investigating team should consist of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Railways and Transport as Chairman, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and a senior official, preferably of the Government of Bengal. The Prime Minister recorded a note on October 20 that he had spoken on the 'phone to you about Shri Suresh Chandra Bose. We presume that he is agreeable to working on the team. I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know the name of the official of the Bengal Government whom you would recommend as the third member. It seems to me that the official should have some experience of tracing up clues and sifting information received from different sources and piecing them together. It would be for you to decide whether the official should be an experienced and senior member of the Indian Police Service. We feel the important consideration to bear in mind is not so much the technical ability of the official but of the confidence which his membership is likely to inspire particularly among the Bengal public.

3. I shall be grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Dutt)

Dr. B. C. Roy,
Chief Minister of West Bengal,
Calcutta.

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TELEGRAM

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From
To

Indembassy, Tokyo
Foreign, New Delhi.

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DTO NOVEMBER 121230
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IMMEDIATE

No. 107.

Foreign Secretary from Ambassador Late SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE. KAUL's letter No. 2483-NGO/55 18th October. Please inform Prime Minister that in accordance with his directive I have discussed with Foreign Minister the proposal to send enquiry committee to investigate into circumstances of death and the identity of the ashos. Foreign Minister has consulted the Cabinet and I have been informed that Japanese Government accept the proposal fully and will be glad to cooperate in every way*.

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Awaiting furthor instructions*.

Please let me have the
Answer

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PPS TO PM, PS TO PM(4), Minister, Deputy Minister, SG(2),
FS(2), CS(2), JSE, JSAD, JSN, DSXP, SO NGO and Cabinet
Secretary.

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Superintendent CCB

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18th October 1955.

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My dear Ambassador,

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My dear Ambassador,
I enclose copy of a minute recorded by the Prime Minister.
in Calcutta, regarding the late Shri Subash Chandra Bose. We
should be grateful if you would kindly let us know the result of
your approach to the Japanese Government on the subject.

2. In addition to the three members of the Committee,
I am desired to suggest that your First Secretary might be
attached to the Committee for help and guidance. ? *Br*

Yours sincerely,

(T. N. Kaul)

Shri B. R. Sen, ICS.,
The Ambassador of India in Japan,
TOKYO.

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the Ministry of External Affairs
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My dear Shri Jawaharlalji,

I was glad to learn from Sri Shah Nawaz Khan that you are now thinking of sponsoring a fact-finding commission to enquire into the mysterious disappearance of Netaji, in view of the recent controversy about his alleged death, ashes, etc.

You will perhaps recall that at the time of the Kalyani Congress I made a request to you to do this and sent you a draft resolution suggesting that the Congress might take the matter up. In reply to this, I received a letter from you detailing your personal views in the matter. Thereafter the question was pursued no further.

However, a meeting of the Netaji Smarak Samiti in Calcutta the other day, held with

Shri Shahnawaz in the chair asked
me to draw up a resolution to convey its
proposals to you for your consideration.
Accordingly, the proposals have been
embodied in a resolution which I
handed over to Shab Naway yesterday
to be placed before you.

I strongly feel that the facts should
be ascertained by a proper enquiry (as a
matter of national duty) of India from
every point of view. The enquiry should
start as early as possible.

As regards personnel, five names
are suggested, including mine leaving
aside false modesty. If you approve
I shall indeed like to be of some
service in this work. There are reasons
for it. I have also particularly suggested
the name of Shri C. N. Nimbkar. Can't he
be spared for this work? Other names
are Dr R. B. Pal, Sri Srinivasa Bose
and Shab Naway Khan. These are my
suggestions for whatever they are worth.

When you come to Calcutta I
should like to see you for a few moments
in this connection if possible.

With kindest regard,

Yours sincerely,
Bhakhtawar Singh

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SHORT NOTICE QUESTION NO. 13 & 14

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1955

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

NO. 13 (SHERI KAMATH :
 (SHERI RADHA RAMAII :
 (SHERI S.H. DAS : Will the Prime Minister
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a memorial service was held on the 18th September, 1955 in Tokyo for Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ambassador to Tokyo and other members of the Indian Embassy were invited to attend the service;
- (c) whether all or any of them attended; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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ASHES OF NETAJI

NO. 14 DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the recent controversy which has arisen about the authenticity of the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which have been kept in the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, Japan;
- (b) if so, the factual information about this matter; and
- (c) whether Government have approached the Government of Japan and the management of the Renkoji Temple to bring these ashes to India?

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ANSWER

SHERI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU:

13 & 14 A Memorial Service for the late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was held on the 18th August, 1955, in the

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Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The Indian Embassy were invited to the Service, and several members of the Embassy attended. The Ambassador himself was not in Tokyo at the time, but the First Secretary of the Embassy, who represented him, placed a wreath on his behalf on the urn containing the ashes.

Subsequently, the Indian Embassy received an invitation for a second Memorial Service a month later, on the 18th September, in the same temple. They felt that a repetition of the ceremony so soon after the first Memorial Service would detract from the solemnity of the occasion. This view of the Embassy was conveyed to the authorities of the Renkoji Temple, and they were told that the Indian Embassy could not properly be expected to attend another Memorial Service after having done so on the 18th August which was the appropriate date.

Government have not approached the Government of Japan or the management of the Renkoji Temple to bring these ashes to India. Government have felt that in this matter, no steps should be taken without the approval of the family of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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28th Sep.'55

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S.H.Q. Nos. 13 & 14

Shri Kamath: Is it a fact that the Japanese Government contributed nearly 20,000 yen to the Memorial Service either on the 18th or on the subsequent occasion? And did they approach or ask our Government whether they were willing to make any contribution also to this service, and if so, what was the reaction of our Government to this request or approach of the Japanese Government?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I think the hon. Member is right in saying that the Japanese Government contributed a sum probably 20,000 yen, according to Japanese custom. I do not know if they approached our Embassy to contribute any money for this purpose. Normally, it is not done. It is not our custom. It was the Japanese custom, and they followed it.

Shri Kamath: The Prime Minister has said that the question with regard to the ashes, or the supposed ashes, of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is a matter for his family to decide. He has said in the last Parliament on the 9th March 1951, that personally he was not satisfied that the report presented or submitted by Mr. S.A. Iyer, one time member of Netaji's Arzi Hukum t-e-Azad Hind, was convincing enough, and therefore that was not the last word on the subject. May I know whether Government still hold the view that that is not the last word and that the report of Mr. S.A. Iyer is not convincing, and whether it is because of that that Government have not taken any action in this matter with regard to the ashes? May I also know whether this matter is merely a family affair or a national affair?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The hon. Member will notice that what I have said is that the arrival of the family is necessary and desirable. I do not say that it is entirely a family affair; certainly, it is a national affair also. Hon. Members will remember that some time ago, for a considerable time, some people in this country doubted the fact of

of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's death, and challenged that. It became difficult for Government to take any action in this matter when this fact was doubted by some, and certainly not without the approval of the family.

The hon. Member has referred to a report by Mr. Iyer, and to what I am reported to have said. I have absolutely no recollection of having made the remark which the hon. Member says I made.

Shri Kamath: I shall pass it on to you.

Mr. Speaker: Later.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:- It may be that I made the remark in regard to certain details in that report. But I have no doubt in my mind, I did not have it then, and I have no doubt today, of the fact of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's death. It may be that the circumstances may not be quite clear; it may be so.

In a matter of this kind, the only enquiry, i.e., satisfactory enquiry that can be made, is by the Japanese Government. The matter is in Japan; the whole think is there. We cannot impose ourselves or an enquiry committee on the Japanese Government. Of course if they choose to enquire, we will very gladly co-operate and give such help as we can. But we simply cannot enquire into their territory, and more specially also, when probably all the possible witnessess are either Japanese Government officials or others connected with that Government.

Shri Kamath: Am I to understand that Government will welcome a proposal for an Indo-Japanese commission to enquire into this matter at official level or governmental level?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have said that the question of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's death is, I think, settled beyond doubt. There can be no enquiry about that. But as for the exact circumstances, possibly if there is an enquiry held, it may be that some additional facts may come to our notice. And as I said, the initiative must come from the Japanese Government in this matter. If it comes, naturally we shall gladly give them such help as we can.

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S.M.Q. 13 & 14(contd)

Shri H.N. Mukerjee: The Prime Minister has told us that he has no manner of doubt in his own mind about the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Do we take it that this is based on a definite finding by Government in regard to the finality of the information? In that case, I want to know how is it that we are not taking steps to secure the expeditious return of ashes, and also, apart from that, to do in this country certain jobs which we owe to the memory of the dead. I ask this question because this question of the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose or otherwise has been contested, and the whole matter is having fire for a long time, but people's emotions require to be respected on this issue of the death of a very great man. And that is why I ask the Prime Minister to tell us what steps Government intend to take--now that he is certain that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead -- in regard to the perpetuation of his memory in this country?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:- I thought that I had answered this question already.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:- The Prime Minister has said that Government have not approached the Japanese Government or the management of the Renkoji temple, to bring those ashes to India in the absence of the approval of the family of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. May I know whether Government have approached that family or sought their permission to bring ashes to India?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Not recently. But references have been made in the past.

Mr. Speaker: Let us go to the next question.

Shri H.N. Mukerjee rose--

Mr. Speaker: He has answered the question already. I do not want to argue.

S.N.Q 13 & 14 (contd).

Shri H N Mukerjee : I have not got the answer.. The House has not got the answer. The country has not got the answer. Let us have it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. It is not a debate that is going on. The hon.Member will realise that he is asking for information. Even the long question that he put was, really speaking, not a question which should have been allowed by me, but it is because of the emotions and sentiments that I have allowed it. Now, there is an end to it.

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No. F.25/4/NGO.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
New Delhi,

the 28th September, 1955.

My dear Dar,

This is to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt
of your demi-official letter No. F.5(1)NGO-1 dated the 30th August,
which is being examined.

Yours sincerely,

A. A. Kidwai
(A. A. Kidwai)
(PREM KIDWAI)
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To

Shri A.K. Dar,
Embassy of India in Japan,
Tokyo.

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Dated
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From: Indembassy, Tokyo.
 To : Foreign, New Delhi.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 91. From Ambassador.

Your telegram No. 6437 21st September. Second memorial service for SUBHAS CHANDRA* BOSE. Full details sent by bag today. Please await same. Briefly a second service was held by Renkoji Temple authorities on 18th September. Japanese Government having erroneously decided against representation at 18th August service changed their previous* stand about attendance at a private memorial service in Temple and attended this second service. Japanese Foreign Office was warned clearly that this behaviour of the Temple authorities in holding a second service would arouse controversy particularly if Japanese Government were represented in any manner specially in face of their abstention from the correct* memorial service of 18th August. We suspect Japanese are somehow anxious for transfer of ashes and have therefore encouraged controversial publicity now. Our stand* is that having attended the correct 10th anniversary Memorial Service on 18th August we should not be pressed* into attending another service so soon thereafter otherwise Japanese may hold a service every month as they have hinted they well might just to accentuate controversy and show that India is defaulting in taking over the ashes. So far as the Temple authorities are concerned they seem to be looking forward to some monetary reward from us for keeping the ashes. Would request your clear instructions after you have seen our detailed report mentioned above.

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 Superintendent CCB.

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CCB No.6437

Telegram

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From - Foreign, New Delhi.
To - Indembassy, Tokyo.

DTO September 21 Nil.

IMMEDIATE

No.6437. There have been reports in newspapers here on Memorial Service held for Subhas Chandra Bose in Tokyo last Sunday. The temple in which it was held was not specifically named but from descriptions it appears to be Renkoji temple.

Ceremony is reported to have touched off controversy among local Indians over the authenticity of Netaji's ashes and some have denounced ceremony which is reported to have been attended by only three Indians. Three former Japanese Army officials have also joined this controversy and testified to fact of Netaji's death and the authenticity of ashes.

Short Notice question has been asked in the Parliament. Surprisingly we have had no report from you. Last report we received from you was in Dar's letter No.F.5(1)NGO-1, dated 30th August, 1955 in which he described Memorial Service held on the 18th August in Renkoji temple. This appears to be the second ceremony held in same temple. Embassy officials with our permission attended the ceremony of 18th August but reports say that boycotted last ceremony of 18th September which reported to have been attended by representative of Japanese Foreign Office. Please telegraph full facts and also whether Indian Embassy boycotted 18th September Memorial Service.

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CS(2): JSAD: JSA: JSE: DSXP: DSE: USFEA: FEA SEC(2): SDNGO
AND CABINET SECRETARY.

Referred

Superintendent CCB.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

D.O. No. F.5(1)NGO-I

August 30, 1955.

Subject:- Memorial Service - Subhas Chander Bose.

Dear Mr. Kaul,

With reference to Foreign, New Delhi telegram No. 28436 of July 30th, 1955, on the above subject, I am desired to forward herewith for information copies of office notings which would bring Government up-to-date on the position in this behalf.

Please let me know the date

have the file

Agreed -

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Shri T.N. Kaul, ICS,
Joint Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

A.K.Dar

(A.K.Dar)

J.S.(E)

Pl. Sir. & examine. What we need
regarding dear, so we need these notes
as the reference? If no then we could
take them over if not then the same
suggest by the next. is the right one
W.H.S.C.

With reference to E.A. Ministry's telegram No. 28436 of July 30th, I summarize below the developments to-date regarding the memorial service for the late Subhas Chander Bose.

The Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple wherein the ashes are being kept met me in details and subsequently the Ambassador briefly. He was informed that the Embassy had no objection to his idea of a memorial service on August 18, 1955. He was advised, however, that the memorial service should be conducted in an appropriate and dignified manner. Apparently the temple management committee members amongst whom there are also members of the Diet and of the Municipal Assembly sensed the interest of the Embassy and decided to gain political profit thereby. This was discovered when I met the Director of the Asian Affairs Bureau and particularly the Chief of Protocol who was rather worried that we were encouraging the temple management committee in collecting funds both privately and from the Japanese Government to have a Japanese styled memorial service. The Japanese style memorial service includes besides the brief religious service feasting and distribution of gifts on as lavish a scale as is warranted by the circumstances of those who sponsor the memorial service. The Director of the Asian Affairs Bureau felt that the Gaimusho should be represented at the memorial service but the Chief of Protocol was quite clear that it would not be proper for the Japanese Government to be represented at a memorial service unless the service was sponsored by either a Diplomatic Mission or the

Japanese Government itself. So far as sponsorship by the Japanese Government was concerned there was little time to put the matter up to the Japanese Government for a decision. Also it was unlikely that the Japanese Government would in any case agree to holding the service in the Renkoji Temple or in any other temple and not prefer a non-religious place. The Director of the Asian Affairs Bureau was agreeable, however, to attending the service in his private capacity providing the circumstances so warranted. Upon subsequent discussions with the Chief Priest and the temple management committee it was found that the temple authorities had indeed thought of collecting money and doing publicity which incidentally but materially would be of benefit to the Renkoji Temple.

The Renkoji Temple is not a very popular temple in Tokyo being of the Nichiren Sect which is the minority

Buddhist Sect in Japan. Keeping these factors in view the Chief Priest was advised that the Embassy would not be happy if the memorial service was followed by feasting and revelry or any undesirable publicity. The Chief Priest assured me that he himself was not interested in any money and would ensure that the service was conducted in a simple but appropriate manner. He felt, however, that a service on a more elaborate scale might be conducted later on.

The temple authorities besides sending a formal intimation to us also sent intimations to certain other individuals. The Embassy staff was accordingly advised to feel free to attend the service. A wreath was sent on behalf of the Ambassador and under his instructions and in his absence on tour to the Hokkaido Island I attended the service on August 18th. The Registrar from the Trade Section was also present. Amongst the Indians there was Mr. S.S. Virik of Malaya, the former I.N.A. cadet in Japan and presently studying at Tokyo University under Japanese scholarship, who took the ashes from

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Mr. Sahay's house to the Renkoji Temple in September, 1945. Also Mr. Murthy, the younger brother of the 'famous' Mr. Murthy who is supposed to have grown rich at the expense of the I.N.A. funds, two Indian visitors whose names I do not know and another Indian resident in Tokyo but whose family is settled in Ceylon.

I gathered that the Chief Priest has during the past years also held private services on each August 18 but has not specifically notified any one of the service being held and as such the attendance, if any, was by the followers of the Nichiren Sect who happened to be visiting Renkoji Temple at that time. On this occasion such stray visitors were apparently confined to the outer halls and the corridors during the period of the service. Inside the service hall which would normally seat 60 or 70 persons only 25 persons were present besides the temple priests. Amongst them were Lady Tojo, wife of the late General Tojo with her A.D.C., ex-General Kawa former Supreme Commander of the Burma Area Forces, ex-Lt.General Nakamura, former Commander-in-Chief of the Siam Area Army, ex-Lt.General Mutaguchi, former Commander-in-Chief of the North Burma Advanced Army which went up Imphal and ex-Colonel Fujiwara, who was the Adviser-in-Chief to the I.N.A. in Burma and Principal Staff Officer of the Southern Area Army. It might be mentioned that Lt. General Nakamura and Colonel Fujiwara were taken to India during the I.N.A. trials and served imprisonment as War Criminals in Singapore. The other three Generals served their term as War Criminals in Sugamo in Japan. I understand that all of these ex army officers are now in private business. I do not know the names of the other persons as I was not introduced to them but I spotted two members of the House of Councillors who were noticeable on account of their distinctive purple colour lapel badges which signified the membership of the House of Councillors.

I understand that Mr. Majumdar, the present President of the Indian Association had initially thought of attending the service but desisted from doing so. He was apparently prevailed upon by the few vocal members of the Indian community who either do not accept the fact of Netaji's death or dislike participation in anything connected with Mr. Murthy and Mr. Aiyar.

The service started just after 3.00 p.m. and lasted for slightly less than an hour. The first half consisted of prayers in Japanese and the latter half of recitation from the Geeta. There were no speeches on this occasion. All present burnt incense according to Japanese Buddhist ritual in front of an altar inside the hall. The wooden box containing the ashes was not placed on the altar but kept in a different part of the hall. I believe that this was done in order to avoid any controversy about honouring the ashes which are still not accepted by some as genuine and also to avoid any feeling that any particular human being was being worshipped. I think that the service as such was conducted in a simple but very dignified and orderly manner.

After the service I was introduced to Lady Tojo and the ex army officers named above. I gathered from them that Count Keizo Shibusawa grandson of the founder of the former Shibusawa Zaibatsu, presently President of the International Telegraph and Telephone Company etc. is thinking of financing a Subhas Chander Bose study group in Japan. The Generals present at the service were fairly enthusiastic about the idea but did not clarify as to what the objective of the study group would be.

The urgent issue seems to me to be the disposal of the ashes. Although two successive Heads of Mission in accordance with Government instructions have asked the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple to continue as

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the custodian of the ashes on behalf of the Embassy of India the box containing the ashes bears no seals of the Government. Aesthetically the box is not very attractive either. There is no reason perhaps to suspect that the Chief Priest would have tampered with the contents of the box in any manner as he is not particularly interested in the ashes one way or the other. He is nevertheless a fairly aged gentleman and not getting any younger. If, on the other hand, we put Government seals on the box now expectations will immediately be aroused that Government are likely to take over the ashes soon. Also the temple management authorities may raise enough fuss thereafter to oblige us in donating some money for the temple. I feel fairly satisfied that the Chief Priest is a good man and speaks sincerely when he states that he is not interested in making any money out of his custodianship of the ashes. He does say, however, that whatever we may give should be for the temple thereby implying an expectation, not unreasonable of an eventual donation from Government for the temple. It would be best, therefore, if whatever donation has to be given is given only at one point of time and that too only after a final decision has been reached on the disposal of the ashes. It might be better, under the circumstances, not to put any Government seals on the box containing the ashes until a firm decision has been reached about the disposition of the ashes themselves. Perhaps these things cannot be hurried but if the ashes are accepted as genuine it would be desirable to arrange a somewhat more appropriate custody thereof than is the case at present and at least a more proper receptacle for them.

Sd/-

(A.K.Dar)
25.8.55

In my view, we should let the ashes be where they are now in the Renkoji Temple for the present. I do not think it would be wise at this stage to take any step such as F.S. has suggested to put Government seals on the box containing the ashes.

A copy of these notes may be forwarded to the E.A. Ministry for information.

Sd/-

(B.R.Sen)
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F.S. We had indeed thought of voluntary

service and voluntary who incidentally are
not likely to be sent to the Renkoji Temple.

The Renkoji Temple is not a very popular temple in Kyoto.

It is a Shinto Shrine which is the minority

religion in Japan. Keeping these factors in view

the General advised that the voluntary would not

allow the memorial service was followed by a meeting
of the General and undesirable publicity. The Chief

Advised me that he himself was not interested in

any money and would ensure that the service was conducted

in a dignified but appropriate manner. He felt, however,

a meeting on a more elaborate scale might be

more better off.

Our Chaplains and others besides sending a formal

telegram to the voluntary to certain other

individuals. Our voluntary staff was accordingly advised

to keep from attending the meeting. A telegram was sent

on behalf of the voluntary and their instructions

and its contents are as follows: "To the Renkoji Temple

regarding the services to be held there on the 30th August 1955."

P.S.
F. 25/4

O.T.P.

CCB No. 5142

Telegram

~~SECRET~~

From - Foreign, New Delhi.
To - Embassy, Tokyo.

DTO JULY 30 1300

IMMEDIATE

No. 28436.

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Your telegram 73 July 29th. We think that our Embassy should participate in Memorial Services for Subhas Chandra Bose. Prime Minister stated in Parliament two years ago that in the circumstances we had to accept fact of death. Therefore, there is no difficulty in our taking up this position publicly.

PPS TO PM: PS TO PM (4): MINISTER: SG(2): FS(2): CS(2):
JSE: JSAD: JSA: JSP: DSMP: DSE: US FEA: US PTII: FEA SEC (2):
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R.F. [Signature]

Superintendent CCB

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30.7.55.

PPS
F. 25/4

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CCB NO. 7827.

TELEGRAM

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From - Indembassy, Tokyo.
To - Foreign, New Delhi.

DTO JULY 29 1630
DTR JULY 29 1900

IMMEDIATE

*By ch. 4-A
No. 73. From Ambassador. Your telegram No. 28434 dated 28 July
Late SUBHAS CHANDRA* BOSE. My views generally same as RAUF's.
Main question is whether Government are in a position publicly*
to accept fact of death. If they are then there could be*
no* objection* to Embassy participating in memorial services
here. It will be realised that participation in memorial
service here will also involve Government in other actions
which must logically follow. Whole issue seems obviously
tied up with repercussions at home and I feel can best be
decided at policy level in India. Japanese feelings* or*
those of community here not of much importance.

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Superintendent CCB.

APS(29)
29-7-55.

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CCB NO. 5061.

SECRET

From - Foreign, New Delhi.
To - Indembassy, Tokyo.

DTO JULY 28 1954

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No. 28434.

For Ambassador. Your No. 71 July 26. Kindly
telegraph your views and see Rauf's d.o. No. FS(I) NGO(1).
23rd June 1954 to Kaul.

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M/S. L.W.S.

Superintendent CCB.

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TELEGRAM

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From - Indembassy, Tokyo.
To - Foreign, New Delhi.

DTO JULY 261540
DTR JULY 261800

IMPORTANT

No. 71. Late SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE. Chief Priest of Renkoji Buddhist Temple who has all along had custody of ashes proposes holding for first time formally a memorial service on 18th August. Temple authorities ask Embassy approval for this and request presence of Ambassador and other at the occasion. Please advise action desired.

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PT II SEC(2): SO NCO AND CAB SECY.

M. L. W.
Superintendent CCB.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYOEXPRESS LETTER

July 19, 1955.

No. F.5(1)NGO-I

FROM : INDEMBASSY, TOKYO

TO : FOREIGN, NEW DELHI. ATTENTION: Shri A.J. Kidwai, Dy. Secretary.SUBJECT:- Ashes of Shri Subash Chandra Bose.With FEA-
Section

Reference your Express Letter No. D.2905-

FEA/55, dated 4th July, 1955, on the above subject. Your attention in this connection is

invited to marginally noted and connected correspondence. Under the circumstances ^{we} have no further comments to offer.

1. Letter No. D. 1003-CJK/52, dt. 18.3.52, from M/E.A.
2. Letter No. D. 5433-CJK/52, dt. 24.11.52, from Min. of E.A. — at Flag 5 in file 25/4/NGO/Val
SN 226-A
3. D.O. letter No. D. 4062-NGO/52, dt. 5.1.53, from Min. of E.A., New Delhi. — at Flag W - do - Val
SN 232-A
4. D.O. letter No. D. 5219-NGO/53, dt. 4.12.53 from Min. of E.A., New Delhi. ✓ — at Flag G - do - " SN 184-A

Issue of the above has been authorised.

Approved
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(A.K.Dar)
First Secretary

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2. An office for the Hon'ble Justice behind the chamber with a desk, chair for the Hon'ble Justice and 3 chairs in front of the desk and sofa seating arrangement for 6 persons and a bookshelf. There would be a direct phone line for the Hon'ble Justice with an extension connection to a neighbouring room, which would serve as a staff office.
3. An office for the staff of the Commission large enough to seat two translators, two stenographers and two assistants and five others (assuming that the Hon'ble Justice would be accompanied by a five member delegation) Desks for each of these officials, six computers with printers (laser Jet) with English operating system Windows and Office 2000. At least one high-speed internet connection. Some bookshelves and storage space – 2 cupboards for stationery and other supplies. The extension for the Hon'ble Justice's phone numbers should be in the staff room. There would be 3 direct phone lines including one for the fax machine in this office.
4. Waiting room for witnesses enough to seat 20 persons including chairs/sofas, coffee table, arrangement for drinking water supply.
5. Stationery and supplies for one month including printer cartridges, paper and other stationery. Stationery would be on the pattern of control rooms during VVIP Visit including computer supplies and tapes for tape recorders and including extensions etc. X
6. Hire of two photocopiers – heavy duty – and one fax machine. X
7. Cost of hire of suite for the Hon'ble Judge for 30 days and the cost of hiring five single rooms for members of the Commission and two single rooms for the two stenographers coming from India for 30 days (per day rate may also be quoted)
8. DA payable to six Grade I officers and two Grade II officers for 30 days. X
9. Hire of one car and a twelve seater mini van for members of the Hon'ble Commission for a period of 30 days. The rate of hire and overtime may be mentioned in the quotation.

Cost estimates

Enquiries with the Hotel New Otani and equipment leased firms on the basis of requirements projected above have resulted in estimates which are summarised below:

Translators/Assistants/Stenos for 30 days

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| (i) Translator | $70,000 \times 2 \times 30$ | = Yen. 4,200,000 |
| (ii) Assistants | $21,000 \times 2 \times 30$ | = Yen. 1,260,000 |

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(iii) Stenographers 30,000 x 2 x 30 = Yen. 1,800,000

Total expenditure on hire of personnel = Yen. 7,260,000

(In Japan usage of stenographers is limited and therefore estimate is for normal assistants)

3. Hiring of Equipment (30 days) = Yen. 80,693,000

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| (i) Computer - Six | 94,500 x 6 x 30 | = Yen. 17,010,000* |
| (ii) Car | 2,000,000 x 30 | = Yen. 60,000,000 |
| (iii) Mini Van (12 seater) | 85,000 x 30 | = Yen. 2,550,000* |
| (iv) Photocopiers & Fax Machines | 38,100 x 30 | = Yen. 1,143,000* |

4. Hotel Accommodation for Hon'ble Judge plus five members of the delegation plus two stenographers for 30 days = Yen 4,785,000

5. DA for six Grade I officials and Two Grade II officials for 30 days = Yen 2,240,837

6. Office Accommodation for 30 days = Yen. 500,000 x30
= Yen 15,000,000

7. Projected expenditure on stationery = Yen 90,000

**Total estimated expenditure = Yen 102,818,837
(Rs. 37,607,475)**

I would be grateful if you could convey the information described in this letter to the Hon'ble Commission and let us have their response. We would recommend that the Hon'ble Commission decide on dates of their visit after the Embassy has received more positive responses from witnesses who are to depose before the Hon'ble Commission.

Biren Nanda



(Biren Nanda)

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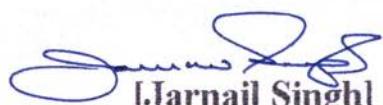
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Enclosed please find a copy of letter No. JMCI/Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 dated 22.1.2002 received in this office from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry forwarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.).

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Jarnail Singh]
Joint Secretary to PM

~~JS(EE)~~
~~ASistant~~ ~~Forwarded~~
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~~Dr (envy)~~
Foreign Secretary

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 04-02-2002

Mr. P/S
Please examine urgently.
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 Kolkata, dated. January 22, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

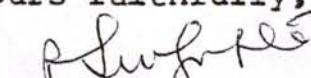
To : The Secretary
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Letter dated 03.11.2001 received
from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser,
Planning Commission (Retd.).

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated 03.11.2001 of Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), who claims to have heard from Dr. Satyanaraya Sinha, a witness examined by Khosla Commission, about alleged presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia, for your kind perusal. I am also directed to request you to provide the Commission with your detailed report and/or relevant documents regarding the matters of sub-paras (b), (c), (e) and (g) of the last page of the aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

EbcI: As stated above.

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Dated : 03.11.2001

Dr. P.D. Mukherji,
Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.),
B-188, Yojana Bhawan, Vihar
New Delhi-110092.
Phone : 2155706, 2149869

Dear Shri Sen Gupta,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February – March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explaination of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of neuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Nehru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Vienna/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.
4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his anteroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustcheiv's visit to India in mid fifties. Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, loosing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last delay of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayoral Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Brezhnev? Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rubuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff an hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
12. Bidding his goodbye and with similar depression in my heart, I enquired whether Netaji was still alive He replied that perhaps "No" and his guess was that 4-6 months prior to Nehru's death, Netaji's end came. Within 2 months or so of my above meeting with Dr. Sinha, I had to go abroad on a

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foreign assignment. The last copy of his book Operation Himalayas still remains with me.

I wonder whether the above could be of any value to the Commission. However, some leads about further probing as I percieve :

- a) Authenticity and credibility of Dr. Sinha. I am enclosing the cover pages of ~~the~~ his book on Operation Himalayas which gives the publisher's name. One can contact the publisher, find his address in Bihar and about his whereabouts. I have no knowledge. But at least his family members would be able to help you. Who knows that Dr. Sinha's personal files including that on Netaji including a copy of that coded message, if left with his family members, could be found in those papers.
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Yours faithfully,

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Dear Shri Sen Gupta,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February – March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explaination of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of neuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Nehru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Vienna/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.
4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his anteroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustchev's visit to India in mid fifties. ^{Khrushchev} Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, loosing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

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about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last delay of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayorial Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Breznev? Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rubuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff an hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
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Subject: PM's visit to Renkoji Temple, Japan.

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As desired, a copy of PM's inscription at Renkoji Temple, Tokyo is sent herewith.


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Yours faithfully,

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Of the five witnesses summoned today, two viz. Shri K Natwar Singh and Shri Satindra Pal Sharma are present. Shri Natwar Singh is examined as CW 66. His review captioned as "Extra-ordinary Story" published at page 77 in the Journal "Frontline", October 12, 2001, of the book "Sign of the Tiger : Subhas Chandra Bose and his Indian legion in Germany, 1941-45" by Rudolf Hartog is marked Exhibit 89.

Shri Satindra Pal Sharma is examined as CW 67. Copy of his letter captioned as "My mother saw Netaji in Rishikesh" sent by him to the Web-site Hindusthan Times.Com. special is marked Exhibit 90.

The witnesses are discharged.

Shri Janardan Das, in response to the summons issued to him, sent a letter expressing his inability to appear before the Commission in Delhi on account of his ailments and paucity of funds. He prayed for his examination at Lucknow. His prayer will be considered at the appropriate stage.

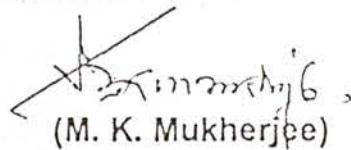
Summons were served on Smt. Prova Jaganathan on 08.06.2001 and 14.10.2001 for her appearance as a witness before the Commission on 13.06.2001 in Kolkata and on 16.10.2001 in New Delhi. But she did not appear on either of the aforesaid dates. Summons was sent to her again by registered post with AD for appearance as a witness before the Commission in New Delhi to-day. As it appears from postal AD, summons was received on behalf of her on 06.12.2001. Another set of summons for causing personal service upon her through our Delhi office was sent but she refused to accept the same. She is absent to-day without any intimation.

Necessary orders for compelling her appearance or her production before the Commission will be made in accordance with the provisions of section 4(a) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (60 of 1952) read with Order XVI Rule 10 of the Code of the Civil Procedure after the date for the next hearing is fixed.

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Summons upon Shri Jai Singh could not be served as the Hindusthan Times Authorities could not give his address, and the telephone number mentioned in his letter is not correct.

Shri Anuj Dhar who was examined as CW 50 in New Delhi on 15.10.2001 and 16.10.2001 is re-examined to-day on his letter sent to the Commission by E-Mail praying for consideration of the mistake as to the year of CIA documents referred to by him at the time of his deposition on the last occasion.

Joint Secretaries of MHA, MEA and PMO were directed to appear before the Commission to-day, but instead of appearing personally they have filed three separate affidavits through Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel for the Government of India in terms of the earlier direction of the Commission after serving copies thereof to all the deponents present. Mr. Pal prays for time till to-morrow for personal appearance of the three Joint Secretaries. Prayer is considered and allowed. The Joint Secretaries are directed to appear to-morrow at 11.00 AM.



(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 20th December 2001 (Thirteenth-D2)
Held at Committee Room 'C', Vigyan Bhavan Annex, New Delhi

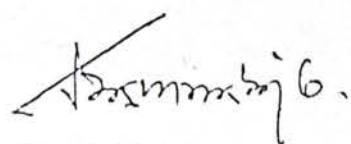
December 20, 2001

Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary, MHA, Shri Jayant Prosad,
Joint Secretary, MEA and Shri Jarnal Singh, Joint Secretary, PMO are
present. They are examined as CW 68, CW 69 and CW 70 respectively.
The affidavit of CW 68 has been marked Exhibit 91 and her signature
thereon marked Exhibit 91/1; the affidavit filed by CW 69 before this
Commission has been marked 92 and his signature thereon marked
Exhibit 92/1.

✓ CW 69 has prayed for two months' time for filing a supplementary
affidavit detailing the developments that have taken place since he filed
the affidavit dated 14.12.2001 regarding availability of documents from
foreign countries

[Prayer is considered and allowed. In that affidavit he should also
state whether there is any classified document relating to the terms of
reference of the Commission.

Affidavit filed by CW 70 is marked Exhibit 93 and his signature
thereon marked Exhibit 93/1.

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(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

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Status Report as on 12.12.2001 showing action taken on compliance with orders/directions contained in the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, and 13.06.2001 of the Commission.

- 1.(a) Copies of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001 and copies of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 have been sent for favour of taking necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, and Prime Minister's Office by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/402(3) dated November 9, 2001 and to the Secretaries, Ministry of Defence, and Cabinet Secretariat by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/403(2) dated November 9, 2001. All the letters have been sent by Registered Post with A/D.
- (b) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and Prime Minister's Office have been intimated by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/431(3) dated November 27, 2001 sent by Registered Post with A/D. that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001 and if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon at Committee Room 'C' of Vigyan Bhavan Annex, New Delhi, and have been requested to advise their respective Officers swearing the affidavits in terms of para 4(a) of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 to remain present before the Commission on 19.12.2001 at 11.00 O'clock to answer any question that may be raised relating to their statements made in their respective affidavits as directed by the Commission in para 4(b) of the said proceedings.
- (c) The Secretaries, Ministry of Defence and the Cabinet Secretariat have also been kept informed about the said hearing of the Commission by Commission's letters dated 27.11.2001 sent to them by Registered Post with A/D.

2. Fresh summons have been issued to Mr. Jai Singh, Mr. Satindra Pal Singh Sarma, Ms. Prabha Jagannathan and Mr. Janardan Das for their appearance as witnesses before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m. Summons has also been issued to Mr. K. Natwar Singh for his appearance as a witness before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m.
3. The Commission held its sitting at Faizabad, U.P. from 26th to 29th day of November, 2001, during which it inspected the articles and documents allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' kept in the custody of the District Magistrate, Faizabad, in the district Treasury and segregated different articles/documents out of them for close scrutiny; and for that purpose necessary steps are being taken to file an application before the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court seeking its permission to bring those articles/documents to the headquarters of the Commission in Kolkata. The Commission has also examined nine witnesses (besides 11 earlier examined).
4. As early as August 23, 2001, the Commission by its letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 requested the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt thereof which of the files/records/documents mentioned in para (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's Office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
5. The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in her D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated October 25, 2001, has intimated that they have conducted a thorough and extensive search but could not locate documents/files containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the exhibits/documents called for by and/or filed before the said Committee. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,

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Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.II)/391 dated November 8, 2001 to file before the Commission immediately stating clearly therein the details of the steps taken and searches conducted for locating the said records/files/exhibits/documents. Further action of the said Ministry is still awaited.

6. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/356 dated 09.10.2001, was requested to send within four weeks from the date of receipt of this letter, authenticated true copies of the papers/documents concerning Sl.Nos. (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of para 1 of the letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated September 19, 2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, addressed to the Commission since those have already been sent by the Cabinet Secretariat to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as stated in para 3 of their aforesaid letter dated September 19, 2001. The Commission is yet to receive authenticated true copies of the aforesaid papers/documents from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
7. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/262 dated August 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that neither the original records of the day-to-day proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry nor any authenticated copy thereof has yet been received by the Commission. The Secretary has been requested therein to ensure more vigorous efforts to locate all the remaining records pertaining to the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry including the documents presented before the said Commission, the documents not received by it in spite of its requisition and the documents which were made exhibits before it and to make all those records/documents available to this Commission as quickly as possible as those are essentially required by this Commission for the purpose of its inquiry. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

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8. (a) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/400 dated November 9, 2001, was requested to file an affidavit explaining as to why, notwithstanding the assertion of Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on the floor of Parliament on August 28, 1978, about availability of "some further contemporary official documentary records", those official documents could not be located in the Prime Minister's office as reported by the Under Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, in his letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated October 29, 2001.
- (b) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/399 dated November 9, 2001, was requested to ensure immediate production before the Commission of duly attested/authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" which, as stated by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on August 28, 1978, on the floor of the Parliament, were with the Government of India.
- (c) In terms of letter No.915/II/C/2/2000-Pol. dated October 29, 2001 of the Prime Minister's Office, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/398 dated November 9, 2001 to ensure immediate production before the Commission of duly attested/authenticated xerox copies of all those aforesaid "further contemporary official documentary records" which were with the Government of India.
- (d) The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/397 dated October 9, 2001, was requested to ensure production before the Commission, within six weeks of the receipt of the letter, of duly attested xerox copies of all those aforesaid "further contemporary official documentary records" which were with the Government of India as stated by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on August 28, 1978, on the

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floor of the Parliament, as also to send to the Commission authenticated true copies of all relevant official notes based on which the said statement was made by the then Prime Minister of India on the floor of the Parliament on August 28, 1978.

9. The report and the affidavit, as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 read with its letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001, have not yet been received.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India, were requested by Commission's letters No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37 (Vol.II)/318(2) dated September 20, 2001 to confirm whether an affidavit was filed before Justice Khosla Commission on behalf of the Government of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'confidential files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, they were requested to furnish a copy of the said affidavit with a detailed explanatory note on the contents of each of the said 34 confidential files allegedly destroyed or missing. The required papers and particulars are yet to be received.
11. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averment (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 was requested to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by some deponents in their affidavits/supplementary affidavits, xerox copies of which were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000. In response thereto the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission a copy of the letter dated July 4, 2001 addressed to different authorities of the Government of India, wherein they were requested to go through the list of documents enclosed therewith and if necessary, to submit an affidavit before the Commission directly. The Ministry

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of Home Affairs was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 to clarify with a supporting affidavit whether or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 to take necessary action to send the report with the supporting affidavit as quickly as possible as also to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned to enable the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India for production before the Commission their respective documents. The said reports and affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are still awaited.

12. The Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission's d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56-Vol.II/286 dated September 5, 2001, to inform the Commission whether they have got Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents of the public records office of the British Library which were listed by the team of the Commission after their study of the files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records Office so that the Commission may obtain from the National Archives of India transcriptions from those Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches or authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Heartley Library of the Southampton University or at least of the papers listed in the said letter dated September 5, 2001 of the Commission. The receipt of the aforesaid Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches/Authenticated xerox copies are still awaited.
13. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 26, 2001 has been received from the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the Hon'ble Chairman's d.o. No. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56 (Vol.II)/267 dated

August 21, 2001 regarding inspection of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose stated to be lying in different foreign countries. In this communication the Hon'ble Minister has stated that the points raised in the Hon'ble Chairman's letter have been taken up with the diplomatic mission of India in the countries concerned and that they (Ministry of External Affairs) would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this regard. Further development in the matter is awaited.

14. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 to send a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-1 which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. No.25/4/NGO-POL. VI dated September 6, 2001 intimated that they were making every effort to trace the same and would revert to the Commission shortly in this matter. Further development is still awaited.
15. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, and the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, were requested by Commission's letters No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(3) dated September 18, 2001, to inform the Commission within eight weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, the outcome of the efforts made in terms of the minutes dated December 21, 1998 of Shri Brojesh Mishra, the then Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister appearing at notesheet page 3 of File No.915/II/C/6/96-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office. They were also requested therein to refer to the letter dated October 10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate, addressed to the Prime Minister of India (appearing at cor.page 182 of the said file) as also to the d.o. letter dated January 23, 1999 of Prof. Amalendu Guha addressed to the Prime Minister of India (appearing at cor.pages

(22) 194 and 195 of the aforesaid file) with the request to let the Commission know immediately the action taken thereon. The required report is yet to be received from the said addressees.

16. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/375 dated October 22, 2001 to send as early as possible, preferably by the end of November, 2001, an authenticated true copy of the reply of the U.N. Secretariat to the purported formal request of the permanent Mission of India, Newyork made to the U.N. Secretariat and an authenticated true copy of the documents based on which Indian Mission in Tokyo sent their confirmation as stated in the letter No.U.II/103/1/98 dated October 15, 2001 of the Director, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The said authenticated true copies have not yet been received.
17. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/305 dated September 18, 2001 to let the Commission know immediately what action was taken on the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.DY. 2198 by Shri K.R. Malkani, M.P. due for answer on 06.03.1996 as mentioned at notesheet page 1 of Prime Minister's Office file No.915/II/C/6/96-Pol. as also on the letter dated November 20, 1996 of Shri Ramkrishna Hegde addressed to the then President of India, indicating the results of the said actions. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was also requested in the said letter of the Commission to send to the Commission within six weeks an authenticated xerox copy of the information furnished by the Government of U.K. as stated in the letter dated 12.03.1999 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, appearing at cor.page 196 of the said file of the Prime Minister's office. Copies of the aforesaid notesheet page and cor.page were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated September 18, 2001. The information called for are still awaited.
18. Further affidavit as called for from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Record/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/57 dated May 3, 2001 regarding existence/non-existence/availability/non-

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non-availability/destruction, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of I.N.A. personnel, are still to be submitted by the said Ministry before the Commission.

19. A xerox copy of the report captioned, "Sleeping Bomb lies in Netaji vault" authored by Shri Chandan Nandy was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/108 dated 28.05.2001 in terms of the letter No.10/SPS-11/2001 (20)-306 dated 17.05.2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, was requested to furnish a detailed report on the contention of the said article of Shri Chandan Nandy which was published in the 'Telegraph', Calcutta on March 26, 2001. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
- 20.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/449 dated December 5, 2001 (sent by Registered Post) to cause production before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m. in the forenoon, by a competent Officer of the Ministry, the documents mentioned in the list enclosed with the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/196 dated July 5, 2001 to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, sent by Registered Post.
- (b) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/452 dated December 5, 2001 (sent by Registered Post), to cause production before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m., during the sitting of the Commission, of the documents, called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/356 dated October 9, 2001, by a competent Officer of the Ministry.

(c) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/453 dated December 5, 2001 has been requested to cause production, before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m., by a competent Officer of the Ministry, of the documents called for by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/263 dated August 20, 2001 sent by Registered Post to the Secretary.



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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 4, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letters No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/N.Delhi/99-2000/56/41 dated 24.4.2001 seeking to know the whereabouts of Mr.L.Lochner, an American Journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner and No. JMC/DOC(FOR)/N.Delhi/99-2000/56/49 dated 27.4.2001 regarding documents available with the US Government on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We had approached our Mission in Washington to check with the concerned authorities and various sources on the issues mentioned in your aforesaid letters. As regards Mr.Lochner, our Mission even after making every effort within the available resources has not been able to locate him nor could any of the sources tapped in the course of the search confirm the fact of Mr. Lochner being alive.

Regarding the availability of documents relating to Netaji, information obtained from the Intelligence and Research Bureau of the US State Department reveals that documents once declassified are no longer retained by the US Government and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centers. We have been further informed that most of these documents have most likely been researched by scholars and would be available in the form of published books on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. However, under the provisions of the US Freedom of Information Act, classified documents, if any, can be requisitioned only with specific details.

Refauds,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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Dated February 4, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the Hon'ble Chairman's letter No. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(VolIII)/267 dated 21.8.2001 and this Ministry's affidavit submitted to the Commission during its sitting in Delhi on 19/20th December, 2001.

As regards the classified documents available in the UK on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the reply of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in response to our queries on the issue is forwarded herewith for your perusal.

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Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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Dear Hardeep,

During a meeting with Stephen Evans in September you handed over a note regarding official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in replying, however the aftermath of the events of 11 September caused us to lose sight of your original enquiry.

I understand from our Records and Historical Department (RHD) that our position on this issue remains as set out in the note of February 2000. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

Richard Bevins, RHD, told me that this position was explained to Justice Mukherjee (who is leading the Indian Government enquiry) and Vikas Swarup when they called on Records and Historical Department in July.

I am sorry if this adds little to what you already know.

Yours ever,
Iain

Iain Lindsay
South Asian Department

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has sent us a new list of witnesses who had been examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Taipei in 1973 with the request that whereabouts of these witnesses may be obtained to enable the Commission examine them.

EA Division may please take appropriate action in the matter.

Narinder Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
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Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 4, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Smt. 61/c

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Affidavits/Averments(Follow up)/2000-2001/67/521 dated 18.1.2001.

As desired by the Hon'ble Chairman, the record of the interview of the then Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S.Menon, with Stalin which was held on 17th February, 1953 is forwarded herewith in original in a sealed cover with the request that the same may be returned to the undersigned in a sealed cover when done with.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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D.O. No. JMCI/Affidavits/Averments(Follow up)/ Dated 18th January 2002.
2000-2001/67/521.

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

SMD. 49/c

With reference to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated January 4, 2002, I am to say that it is uncertain whether any and if so, when the next sitting of the Commission in Delhi will be held. In view of this, I have been directed by the Hon'ble Chairman to request you to send the letter, referred to in para-2 of your above-quoted letter, in a sealed cover for perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman only. After the perusal of the letter by the Hon'ble Chairman, it will be returned to you in a sealed cover.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Narinder Chauhan(Smt.)
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated January 24, 2002

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your fax dated 14.12.2002 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The Commission has now informed that it proposes to visit Japan in the second half of March, 2002 and the duration of the visit may be two to three weeks depending upon the number of witnesses available for examination and the places of their examination. In this connection, kindly indicate whether the assent of the local Foreign Office has been received. This information alongwith the requisite details of the witnesses is required to be furnished to the Commission to enable it finalise details of its proposed tour.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

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Copy for information to Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secy., Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block, (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087, w.r.t. his letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70/492 date 3.1.2002.

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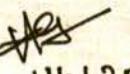
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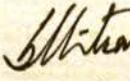

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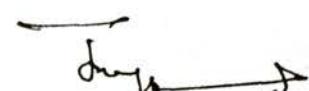
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

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(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

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की उप पारा ॥२॥, उप पारा ॥३॥, उप पारा ॥४॥ और उप पारा ॥५॥ के सभी उपबंध उक्त शायें को लागू किया जाने वाले हैं और ऐनीय रारकार उक्त पारा ॥५॥ की उप पारा ॥१॥ परा प्रवत्त शोकतयों का प्रयोग फरते हुए यह निवेद देता है कि उस पारा की उक्त उप पारा ॥२॥ से ॥५॥ तक के सभी उपबंध शायें को लागू होंगे।

[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(टी-III)]

निखिल कुमार, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS

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And, whereas there is a wide spread feeling among the public that the issue of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remains;

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And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an indepth inquiry into a definite matter of a public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

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2. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:-

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

3. The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than six months from the date of publication of this notification.

5. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi, and/or any other place as determined by the Commission.

6. The Central Government is of the opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section(2), sub-section(3), sub-section(4) and sub-section(5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of the said section 5, hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2) to (5) of that section shall apply to the Commission.

[F. No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(D.III)]

NIKHIL KUMAR, Spl. Secy.

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No. C/415/3/96 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

This is in continuation of our earlier note of even No. dated 23rd August, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In this connection Director (CNV)'s note No. 25/4/NGO. Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 refers.

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Vide our note of even No. dated 18.7.2001 and No. C/551/10/2000-JP, we have already sent eight files and five files to NGO Section. We had asked for some more files from RM Section and they have stated that the same are not available with them.

(N.S.Bhaiosra)
SO(JK)
16.10.2001

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No. C/551/10/2000 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Reference Director (CNV)'s note No. 25 4 NGO.Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and our earlier note of even No. dated 17.7.2001.

In this connection following five files received from RM Section are placed below, for further necessary action:-

| Sr. No. | File No. | Subject |
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| 1. | C 551 9 69-JP | Speeches of Netaji in foreign countries - procurement of |
| 2. | C 551 10 69-JP (Vol. I) | Demands by several members of Parliament for setting up a fresh enquiry commission to probe afresh into the circumstances leading to disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose |
| 3. | C 551 10 69 - JP (Vol. II) | Netaji Enquiry Committee - Findings |
| 4. | C 551 4 67 - JP | Presentation of the Sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, a retired Japanese army officer - General Fujiwara's suggestion regarding Joint Indo-Japanese Probe into death of Netaji |
| 5. | C 551 8 70 - JP (Vol. I) | Fresh Probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose |

2. NGO Section may kindly see.
3. It may be mentioned here that we have asked for some more files from RM Section which will be sent to NGO Section as soon as these are received.

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Director (EA)

Director (CNV)

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has asked us to send them the exhibits/documents called for by and /or filed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee alongwith the complete proceeding of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee incorporating the orders/directions passed by the said Committee from time to time.

EA Division(JK Registry) had earlier forwarded to NGO Section some files on the proceedings of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, 1956, vide their notes no. C/551/14/90-JP dated 16.05.2000, S-470/EAI/2000 dated 08.12.2000, No.Nil dated 08.01.2001 and S-34/EAI/01 dated 18.01.2001. The relevant files had been sent by NGO to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry but as per the Commission, these files do not contain the complete proceedings / exhibits/documents called for by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee. Therefore, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to provide all these documents.

In view of the above, Director(China) is kindly requested to direct JK Registry to send us all the remaining documents pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee which may be in their possession or may be available in the R&M Section to enable us to forward them to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As the Commission desired to have these documents immediately, urgent action is requested.

Narinder Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director (CNV)
July 5, 2001.

Director (China)

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(IPA Division)

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Sub: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

JS(AMS&CNV) may kindly refer to his Note No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated the 21st December, 2001 on the above mentioned subject.

No material relevant to the Inquiry is available in this Division.

(K.S. Bharti)
Deputy Secretary(Pak)
10.1.02.

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Ministry of External Affairs
LAC Division

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Sub : Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Ref. JS(AMS)'s note No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VII of 21.12.2001 requesting LAC Division to go through its records to check material evidence in connection with the objectives and purposes of the Commission. This division has checked its records and has no papers on the above issue.

Kheya Bhattacharya
(Dr. Kheya Bhattacharya)
Director(LAC)
8.1.02

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Jay
(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

Could you please check your files and confirm that nothing on this point is available with you.
Div(LAC) pl. check & give me a report.

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JS(LAC)

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for m.a.p!
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Dr. Palyal

We do not have U.S.E.S.
any paper available in the section.

I also have no any paper on this. M.P.M.
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for m.a.p.
M.P.M.

U.S.E.S. U.S.E.S.
2/1/02

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[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(टी-III)]

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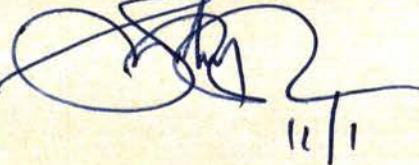
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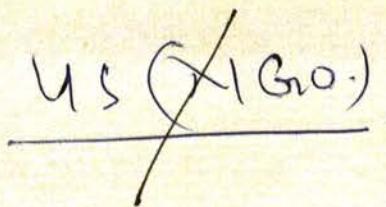
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Ref: Sy No. 981 EA/1/2002 - FR

The communication (No. I/20141
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mentioned in the FR was forwarded
to us by MGO in October 2001
and we had replied to that.
A copy of MGO's noting is
attached for reference. We may
forward the FR to MGO section
for necessary action.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, December 6, 2001

4950/DIN(FSP)/01

12/12/01

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
 Secretary

To : The Secretary,
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 Government of India,
 South Block
 New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the U.O. No.I/12014/20/
 2001-IS D-III dated October 18, 2001 of the Ministry of
 Home Affairs, a copy of which was endorsed to the Commission
 and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
 in response to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/
 N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/317 dated September 20, 2001
 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
 Government of India, and to request you to take necessary
 action, as suggested in the said U.O. note, particularly
 in para 2 thereof, and expedite your reply regarding
 correctness or otherwise of the P.T.I. report dated
 United Nations of January 13, 1971 as referred to therein.

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Yours faithfully,

P.Sengupta
 (P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

for me

11/12/2001

Mr. Reddy 11/12

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~~Shri Dir(FSP) May 10/01~~

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Shri Abdus Salam 12/12

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D.N.O. 7730/NGO/01 — FR

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" Did the MEA receive any official reference in respect of Shri A. Guha's letter, either from PMO or any other quarter."

sd/-
JS(CNV)
22/10/2001

Dir(CNV)

"Urgent"

sd/-
Dir(CNV)
22/10/2001

NGO

Following an examination of the records available in this Section, it is seen that no reference of Shri A. Guha's letter was received either from PMO or any other source.

However, he may ^{also} check with JK Registry if they had received any such reference.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(IS-I) Division

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RE: ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT SEARCH

Prime Minister's Office may please find enclosed a copy of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) dated 18 Sept'2001 enclosing therewith the Minutes dated 21.12.98 of Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and copies of two letters dated Oct'10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate addressed to the Prime Minister and dated Jan'23,1999 of Professer Amalendu Guha addressed to the Prime Minister regarding removal of the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from the list of War Criminals.

It is requested that the matter referred to above may please be examined in the Prime Minister's Office in consultation, if necessary, with Ministry of External Affairs and to send a response directly to the Commission.

Encl:- As above.


(Mukesh Mittal)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO No.I/12014/29/2001-IS D-III

Dated, the 18th Oct., 2001.

- ✓ 1. Copy along with enclosures forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.
- 2. Copy for information to Shri M. Roy, Officer on Special Duty, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 'B' Block (3rd Floor) 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.

Did we rec'd a copy
receive any opinion
regarding in respect of
Shri A. Guha's letter either from
PMO or any other party.
22/10/01

DR. C. S. R. Majumdar
22/10/01
S. K. Sen
22/10/01

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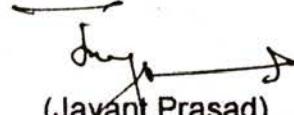
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(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

Spoken to SO(EW). JS (est)
Kindly indicate if there
is any paper related to this
in EW Div.

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Do we have any
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We have been directed by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to once again carry out a final search for all the documents related to the mandate of the Commission as indicated above, in order to maintain the veracity of the statement filed by the MEA before the Commission to the effect that the MEA has no further records available on the subject (other than those already transmitted to the Commission). The text of the Commission's mandate is attached.

In view of the above, you are requested to go through your records as carefully as possible in order that the MEA is not charged with inadvertent concealment of information or suppression of material evidence in connection with the objectives and purposes of the Commission.
Your response may be sent to the undersigned as early as possible but not later than 20th January, 2002.

Jayant Prasad
(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

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All Heads of Territorial Divisions

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[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(डी-III)]

निखिल कुमार, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th May, 1999

S.O. 339(E).— Whereas the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956 and July, 1970 respectively to inquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August, 1945, his reported death as a result of an air craft accident, and subsequent developments connected therewith had come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash;

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Lon/Pol/103/17/00

January 11, 2002

Dear Narinder,

I had received a letter from Shri H.D. Singh, Deputy Director of Archives, National Archives, regarding permission from Her Majesty's Stationery Office for acquisition of a file required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

I had written to Her Majesty's Stationery office and I am enclosing a copy of the reply received from them for your information and record.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vikas Swarup)

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Smt. Narendra Chauhan
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Dear Counsellor

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Thank you for your letter dated 28 December.

I can confirm that there are no objections to you reproducing the Crown copyright element of the above file, which forms part of the Mountbatten Papers held at the University of Southampton, for the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

You may be interested to know that I have replied to a similar request from Dr Baqar, Deputy Director of Archives at the National Archive, Government of India, Janpath, New Delhi.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Ferre
Licensing Manager



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Date : 9th January 2002.

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From: Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

Sno. 37/c

Sno. 50/c

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

In continuation of my d.o. letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/492 dated 03.01.2002 in reply to your d.o. Letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 18.12.2001, I am to say that the Commission proposes to visit Japan in the second half of March, 2002 and the duration of the visit in Japan may be two to three weeks, depending upon the number of witnesses available for examination and the places of their examination. In that view of the matter, you will appreciate, exact duration of stay in Japan cannot be said until the requisite details of the witnesses asked for in my above-quoted d.o. letter dated 03.01.02 are received. After receiving the requisite details from your end, the tour programme in details will be drawn up and communicated to you for onward communication to the Indian Embassy in Tokyo for necessary action.

It may be added here that in course of the same visit the Commission proposes to visit Taiwan and some other related places in that region.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)

To
Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
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D. O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
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Date : 3rd January 2002.

From: Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

Sno. 26/c

Inviting reference to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/
NGO-Vol.VII dated December 5, 2001, I am to state that
the full names of the witnesses in Formoza have not
been furnished in the reference book titled "Netaji
Mystery". I am, however, directed to send herewith
the names of the witnesses examined by Justice Khosla
Commission in Taipei, as indicated against serial
nos. 203 to 213 in the Appendix I to that report, and
to request you to take necessary effective steps so
that the requisite details of the said witnesses are
collected and sent to the Commission as expeditiously
as possible.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta

To : Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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List of witnesses examined by the commission

| S. No. of witness | Name of Witness | Date | Place | Volume No. | Pages |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 1. | Shri Shah Nawaz Khan | 16-10-70 23-12-70 24-12-70 27-9-72 | New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi | I III III XIII | 1-120 799-901 902-975 4001-4048 |
| 2. | Dr. Satya Narain Sinha | 17-10-70 2-11-70 3-11-70 | New Delhi Calcutta Calcutta | I I II | 121-201 339-405 406-491 |
| 3. | Shri Deb Nath Das | 19-10-70 20-10-70 18-12-72 | New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi | I I XV | 202-239 290-338 4308-4383 |
| 4. | Shri Suresh Chandra Bose | 3-11-70 17-11-70 18-11-70 17-8-72 | Calcutta Calcutta Calcutta Calcutta | II II II XII | 492-513 723-744 751-772 3603-3625 |
| 5. | Shri Kalipada Dey | 4-11-70 | Calcutta | II | 514-543 |
| 6. | Shri G. C. Sanyal | 4-11-70 6-11-70 | Calcutta Calcutta | II II | 544-561 562-603 |
| 7. | Shri Sasandhar Majumdar | 6-11-70 | Calcutta | II | 604-611 |
| 8. | Shri S. M. Goswami | 16-11-70 18-11-70 | Calcutta Calcutta | II II | 642-671 783-798 |
| 9. | Dr. B. N. Roy | 16-11-70 | Calcutta | II | 692-722 |
| 10. | Shri Samsul Zainan | 17-11-70 | Calcutta | II | 745-759 |
| 11. | Shri Ramchand Chandra Chanda | 18-11-70 | Calcutta | II | 773-782 |
| 12. | Shri M. L. Sondhi | 24-12-70 | New Delhi | III | 976-1000 |
| 13. | Shri Hira Lal Dixit | 24-12-70 | New Delhi | III | 1001-1005 |
| 14. | Shri Sajjan Lal Totla | 24-12-70 | New Delhi | III | 1006-1008 |
| 15. | Shri Nawal Singh | 28-12-70 | New Delhi | III | 1009-1027 |
| 16. | Shri Uttam Chand Malhotra | 28-12-70 29-12-70 30-12-70 25-9-72 | New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi | III III IV XIII | 1028-1077 1078-1169 1170-1247 3938 |
| 17. | Shri P. S. Lavanya | 30-12-70 | New Delhi | IV | 1248-1267 |
| 18. | Shri Bhanu Prasad Umashankar Trivedi | 30-12-70 | New Delhi | IV | 1268-1292 |
| 19. | Shri Gurbachan Singh | 31-12-70 | New Delhi | IV | 1293-1296 |
| 20. | Shri Sharda Prasad Upadhyaya | 31-12-70 | New Delhi | IV | 1297-1298 |
| 21. | Shri Sham Lal Jain | 31-12-70 4-1-71 | New Delhi New Delhi | IV IV | 1299-1361 1362-1400 |
| 22. | Shri Namvar Upadhyaya | 4-1-71 | New Delhi | IV | 1401-1422 |
| 23. | Shri U. C. Sharma | 4-1-71 5-1-71 | New Delhi New Delhi | IV IV | 1423-1432 1433-1452 |

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| 24. | Shri Brijendra Swaroop | 5-1-71 | New Delhi | IV | 1453--1466 |
| 25. | Shri Mahesh Chandra | 5-1-71 | New Delhi | IV | 1467--1472 |
| 26. | Shri Raja Ram Dixit 'Neeraj' | 5-1-71 | New Delhi | IV | 1473--1511 |
| 27. | Shri Mool Chand Arya | 5-1-71 | New Delhi | IV | 1512--1515 |
| 28. | Shri S. C. Sengupta | 6-1-71 | New Delhi | IV | 1516--1634 |
| 29. | Shri S. A. Iyer | 20-1-71 21-1-71 18-10-72 19-10-72 | Bombay Bombay Bombay Bombay | V V XIV XIV | 1611--1714 1715--1767 4063--4124 3127 |
| 30. | Shri E. Bhaskaran | 21-1-71 19-10-72 | Bombay Bombay | V XIV | 1768--1774 4112--4126 |
| 31. | Dr. S. K. Joshi | 21-1-71 | Bombay | V | 1775--1778 |
| 32. | Shri Usman Patel | 21-1-71 22-1-71 28-9-72 | Bombay Bombay New Delhi | V V XIII | 1779--1783 1784--1789 3049--3062 |
| 33. | Shri S. S. Padhey | 22-1-71 | Bombay | V | 1790--1792 |
| 34. | Shri M. A. Jamal | 22-1-71 | Bombay | V | 1793--1795 |
| 35. | Shri M. S. Doshi | 22-1-71 | Bombay | V | 1796--1801 |
| 36. | Shri R. B. Verma | 22-1-71 | Bombay | V | 1802--1804 |
| 37. | Col. B. S. Raturi | 1-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1820--1839 |
| 38. | Shri Jagdish Kodesia | 1-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1840--1877 |
| 39. | Shri Madan Mohan Prabhakar | 2-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1898--1900 |
| 40. | Shri Ram Surat Ram | 2-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1901--1912 |
| 41. | Col. Mahboob Ahmed | 3-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1913--1912 |
| 42. | Col. Thakur Singh | 3-3-71 3-3-71 | New Delhi New Delhi | V V | 1943--1959 1974--1975 |
| 43. | Swami Nirwanananda | 3-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1960--1973 |
| 44. | Shri Hem Raj Batai | 3-3-71 | New Delhi | V | 1976--1978 |
| 45. | Lt. Gen. Fujiwara | 30-3-71 | Tokyo | VI | 1983--1993 |
| 46. | Mr. Tadashi Ando | 39-3-71 | Tokyo | V | 1994--1999 |
| 47. | Mr. Tadao Sakai | 31-3-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2006--2016 |
| 48. | Mr. Attur Saiy Jain | 31-3-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2000--2005 |
| 49. | Mr. K. V. Narayan | 2-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2017--2019 |
| 50. | Mr. Negishi | 5-4-71 8-4-71 | Tokyo Tokyo | VI VI | 2050--2061 2161--2191 |
| 51. | Mr. Hachin | 6-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2062--2066 |
| 52. | Mr. Koji Takamiya | 6-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2097--2109 |
| 53. | Col. Shiro Nonogaki | 7-4-71 8-4-71 | Tokyo Tokyo | VI VI | 2110--2146 2155--2161 |
| 54. | Mr. Watanabe | 8-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2117--2151 |
| 55. | Mr. Ahira Kyuru | 10-4-71 | Kobe | VI | 2192--2194 |
| 56. | Mr. M. J. Patel | 10-4-71 | Kobe | VI | 2195 |
| 57. | Mr. D. C. Gupta | 10-4-71 | Kobe | VI | 2196 |
| 58. | Mr. Bhagwandas Mukhraj Jhaveri | 10-4-71 | Kobe | VI | 2197 |
| 59. | Mr. Ram Singh Gulani | 10-4-71 | Kobe | VI | 2198 |
| 60. | Mr. Hans Raj | 10-4-71 | Kobe | VI | 2199 |

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| 61. Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida | 12-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2200 - 2225 |
| 62. Mr. J. Murti | 12-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2226 - 2253 |
| 63. Mr. Taro Kono (Major) | 13-4-71 14-4-71 | Tokyo | VI VI | 2254 - 2288 2342 - 2348 |
| 64. Mr. Koji Asada | 13-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2289 - 2302 |
| 65. Mr. Takashashi | 14-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2303 - 2331 |
| 66. Mr. Shigenaka Sugihara | 14-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2335 - 2341 |
| 67. Mr. Kenichi Sakai | 16-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2349 - 2359 |
| 68. Mr. Saburo Isoda | 16-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2360 - 2401 |
| 69. Mr. Yoshio Ishii (Dr.) | 22-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2407, 2419 |
| 70. Lt. Col. Masanari Shibuya | 23-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2420 - 2441 |
| 71. Mr. Morio Takakura | 23-4-71 | Tokyo | VI | 2443 - 2454 |
| 72. Dr. Taneyashi Yoshimii | 24-4-71 | Miyazaki | VI | 2455 - 2478 |
| 73. Shri T. L. Sasivarna Théver | 7-7-71 | Madras | VII | 2479 - 2491 |
| 74. Shri R. Srinivasa Iyengar | 7-7-71 | Madras | VII | 2492 - 2494 |
| 75. Maj. Gen. S. C. Allagappan | 8-7-71 | Madras | VII | 2498 - 2509 |
| 76. Shri M. Ramamutté | 7-7-71 | Trivandrum | VII | 2510 - 2529 |
| 77. Shri M. Sivaraman | 12-7-71 | Trivandrum | VII | 2530 - 2536 |
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| 78. Shri K. P. Kesava Menon | 13-7-71 | Trivandrum | VII | 2537 - 2541 |
| 79. Dr. S. Vasava Menon | 14-7-71 | Trivandrum | VII | 2546 - 2559 |
| 80. Col. (Dr.) B. Ramachandra Rao | 9-8-71 | Puri | VII | 2565 - 2589 |
| 81. Dr. B. M. Bhuyan | 9-8-71 | Puri | VII | 2590 - 2593 |
| 82. Lt. Col. (Dr.) B. M. Pattanayak | 10-8-71 | Puri | VII | 2594 - 2601 |
| 83. Shri Datta Jagtap | 23-8-71 | Panjim | VII | 2602 - 2617 |
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| 85. Shri S. P. Kathimath | 24-8-71 | Panjim | VII | 2621 - 2630 |
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| 89. Dr. Ba Maw | 12-10-71 | Rangoon | VIII | 2645 - 2648 |
| 90. Shri P. P. Narayanan | 14-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2649 - 2652 |
| 91. Shri A. K. Chaudhury | 14-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2653 - 2657 |
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| 93. Senator Dato Athi Nahappan | 14-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2663 - 2665 |
| 94. Datin (Mrs.) Athi Nahappan | 14-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2666 - 2668 |
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| 96. Dr. A. N. Ray | 15-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2672 - 2673 |
| 97. Smt. Anima Ray | 15-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2674 - 2675 |
| 98. Shri A. Gurupathan | 15-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2676 - 2678 |
| 99. Smt. Sateevathi Naidu | 15-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2679 - 2681 |
| 100. Shri K. N. S. Iyer | 15-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2682 - 2684 |
| 101. Shri K. P. N. Nair | 15-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2685 - 2686 |
| 102. Shri Navinour Samy | 16-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2687 - 2692 |

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| 104. | Shri Chatter Singh | 16-10-71 | Kuala Lumpur | VIII | 2699 |
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| 107. | Shri Syed Muntaz Hussain Shah | 19-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2703 - 2706 |
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| 110. | Shri S. Abdual Jabbar alias Jafar | 19-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2711 |
| 111. | Shri N. M. Kengaraju | 20-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2712 - 2713 |
| 112. | Shri N. Kuruppiah | 20-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2713 - 2716 |
| 113. | Shri G. Sarangapani | 21-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2717 - 2718 |
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| 118. | Shri S. Ramanujam | 22-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2726 - 2727 |
| 119. | Shri Bhulan Yadav | 22-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2728 |
| 120. | Shri George Cheah | 22-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2729 - 2731 |
| 121. | Shri Chhedi Rai Sharma | 22-10-71 | Singapore | VIII | 2732 |
| 122. | Shri P. G. S. Nair | 23-10-71 | Penang | VIII | 2733 - 2735 |
| 123. | Shri Harbans Singh | 23-10-71 | Penang | VIII | 2736 - 2737 |
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| 140. | Shri Ishar Singh | 1-11-71 | Bangkok | VIII | 2769 - 2772 |
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| 145. | Sir Abdul Hameed | 4-11-71 | Bangkok | VIII | 2794 |
| 146. | Shri Mulka Govind Reddy, M.P. | 20-5-72 | New Delhi | IN | 2814 - 2812 |

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| 148. | Prof. Samar Guha, M.P. | 2-6-72 5-7-72 29-3-73 | New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi | IX IX XVI | 2912—2960 2982—3001 4464—4489 |
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| 191. | Air Vice Marshal D.A.R. Nanda | 20-12-72 | New Delhi | XV |
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| 219. | Shri Prem Bhatia | 17-9-73 | New Delhi | XVIII |
| 220. | General Wadalia (Varinder Singh) | 8-10-73 | New Delhi | XVIII |
| 221. | Shri V. P. Nanda | 11-10-73 | New Delhi | XVIII |
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

January 04, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to your letter No.JM CI/Affidavit-Averments (Followup)/2000-2001/67/132 dated the 30th May 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, asking for original/authenticated copies of certain documents mentioned in the petition of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, before the Hon'ble Commission.

2. One of the documents mentioned in the petition, viz. a letter from Ambassador K.P.S. Menon in Moscow reporting on his call on Stalin, pertains to this Ministry and has been traced in our file. On scrutiny of the document, which dates back to February 1953, it is found that it has no reference at all to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The contents of the document are such that it is felt that it will not be appropriate to disclose them to the petitioner, particularly because it contains no reference to Netaji. However, should you so desire, we are willing to share the contents with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission **for his information only**. If this proposal is acceptable to the Commission, the document in question could be shown to the Hon'ble Chairman during the Commission's next sitting in New Delhi. I would be grateful for your early advice.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry,
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JS(EE) may kindly see notes of Dir(CNV)
and JS(AMS2 CNV) on pre-page. May kindly
give clearance with regard to the document
at flag 'X', for further necessary action.

Submitted, please.

Mitra

24/12/01

~~JS(EE)~~ As proposed at 'A' above - EBDivision
~~JS(EE)~~ has no objection to downgrading Anubhav
the letter at flag 'X' is 'Secret'. 27/12/01

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Dir(CNV) may kindly see. It may not be advisable
to submit a "Secret" (downgraded from T.S.) document to the
Commission, since its confidentiality cannot be assured.
This document, in any case, does not contain any reference
to Netaji. It is for consideration if the letter should
be submitted or we should write to the Commission
stating that this document has no reference to Netaji.
Another alternative could be to share the contents of the
document with Justice Mukherjee only, to satisfy him
that indeed there is no reference to Netaji in it.

Submission for instructions, please.

~~Dir(CNV)~~

Mitra
28/12/01

if 'X' is possible,
this could be done.

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Director (CNV) may kindly consider/ sign the fair letters placed below and may wish to keep JS(CNV) informed.

Submitted, please.

Shivaji
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with particulars ref to para 8 ante, the letter is graded TS. If authenticated copy thereof is to be produced before the court, we may seek EE Div's views to downgrade it to 'Secret' (the letter, incidentally, does not contain anys ref to Velaji).

JS(CNV)

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JS(CNV)

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S. 8741/NGO/01 — S.no. 28 — Receipt

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5. Another issue which needs to be considered is that of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan. Director(EA) in his note of 11.9.2001(p.27/n in Vol.VI refers) had suggested that a visit by the Commission could be considered if and when relevant documents were found in Taiwan and their access allowed by the Taiwanese authorities. As already mentioned above, the ITA have confirmed that there are no relevant documents available in Taiwan. In view of this, it is now submitted for consideration whether modalities of the visit of the Commission to Taiwan should be worked out only after receipt of information from the ITA about the witnesses in Taiwan.

6. **FRIII** : This is regarding submission of records containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee and exhibits/documents/records called for by the Committee. We had informed the Justice Mukherjee Commission that the above records are not available in this Ministry. In response, the Commission has asked us to file an affidavit stating details of the searches conducted for locating the said documents. It may be mentioned here that since this subject has already been dealt with in para 1(i) above and, therefore, will be included in the affidavit which is required to be filed thereunder, no separate affidavit needs to be filed on the same issue.

7. **FR IV :Filing of original or authenticated copies of documents:** Ministry of Home Affairs, under directions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, have asked us to identify out of the various documents mentioned in the affidavit filed by one Nandalal Chakrabarti those documents which pertain to this Ministry. Thereafter, the MHA is to be apprised of the position regarding identification of the documents.

8. After going through the list of the documents, only one is found to relate to this Ministry. This document, as per the affidavit filed before the Commission by Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti, is the "secret report of the then Indian Ambassador to Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S.Menon's interview with Stalin which dwelled on Netaji's existence in Soviet Russia in February, 1953". After a thorough search of the records available in this Section, we have found record of the interview which took place on 17th February, 1953 and is placed in our file No. 42/11/NGO. However, there is no mention of Netaji in any form in this document. Nevertheless, as per the directions of the Commission, the document is required to be filed before it. A decision is, therefore, required to be taken in consultation with the East Europe Division regarding the procedural aspects of submitting the document to the Commission.

9. The Commission had in its letter of 20.9.2001 asked for a detailed report on the efforts being made by our Mission in Moscow to locate certain witnesses in Russia. The detailed report has been received from Moscow. We may forward this to the Commission as per the **fair letter placed below. Thereafter, we will file an affidavit in the matter as directed by the Commission.**

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US (NGO)

The next hearing of the Commission will be held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on December 19-20, 2001. We need to submit an affidavit to the Commission well before that date. The Affidavit is to be submitted by an officer not lower than the rank of Joint Secy. Out of the three points on which the affidavit is to be submitted, we have material for the affidavit in respect of no. (i) and (iii). Reply on point No. (ii) is to be based on the responses from ESI, Washington. We may send a reminder to them. JS(CNV) may be required to be present to answer questions related to the submissions made in the Affidavit. Text of the Affidavit is being prepared.

Reference FRs

1. FR I: The Justice Mukherjee Commission has asked for replies of the Ministry in the following issues in the form of affidavit which is to be submitted by an officer not lower than the rank of a Joint Secretary.

- i) Records relating to the Shah Nawaz Committee : We have already informed the Commission that no further records pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Committee are available in the Ministry. An affidavit is now required to be filed explaining this position.
- ii) Production of documents relating to Netaji from different countries like Russia, USA and U.K: While the documents received from our Mission in Moscow have been forwarded to the Commission, our Mission in U.K. has informed that the matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities who have promised to revert on the issue. As regards USA, we are yet to receive a response from our Mission in Washington to our letter dated 25.5.2001 and subsequent reminders dated 7.9.2001 and 17.10.2001. We may, therefore, issue another reminder. Fair letter in this connection is put up for signature please.
- iii) Exhibit 29-I allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission by the Foreign Ministry in the Government of India which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department: We have already informed the Commission that the said exhibit could not be found in this Ministry. An affidavit reiterating this position is now required to be filed.

2. The Commission has further directed that on the next date of hearing, i.e., the 19th and 20th December, 2001 which will be held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, the officer swearing the affidavit must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.

3. FRII: This pertains to the Commission's proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan. In response to our letter of 17.10.2001 to the Commission seeking details of their requirements of staff, equipment and space in Japan for conducting the examination of witnesses, the Commission has enumerated all its requirements adding further that the size and composition of the delegation will be intimated after receipt of confirmation from our side regarding the arrangements asked for by it.

4. As regards Japan, we may convey the Commission's requirements to our Mission in Tokyo as per the fair letter placed below. However, as regards Taiwan, we may have to await feedback from EA Division regarding the witnesses whom the Commission wishes to examine. We may, in the meanwhile, send an interim reply to the Commission as per the fair letter placed below. We have already received a confirmation through the India-Taipei Association that there are no relevant documents available in Taiwan and that the same may be available only in Japan.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We have been directed by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to once again carry out a final search for all the documents related to the mandate of the Commission as indicated above, in order to maintain the veracity of the statement filed by the MEA before the Commission to the effect that the MEA has no further records available on the subject (other than those already transmitted to the Commission). The text of the Commission's mandate is attached.

In view of the above, you are requested to go through your records as carefully as possible in order that the MEA is not charged with inadvertent concealment of information or suppression of material evidence in connection with the objectives and purposes of the Commission.
Your response may be sent to the undersigned as early as possible but not later than 20th January, 2002.

Jayant Prasad
(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

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की उप धारा ॥२॥, उप धारा ॥३॥, उप धारा ॥४॥ और उप धारा ॥५॥ के सभी उपबंध उक्त आयोग को लागू होकर जाने चाहीए होर बेन्द्रीय सरकार उक्त धारा ॥५॥ की उप धारा ॥१॥ धारा प्रवत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए यह निवेश देसी है कि उस धारा की उक्त उप धारा ॥२॥ से ॥५॥ तक के सभी उपबंध आयोग को लागू होंगे।

[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(ठी-III)]

निखिल कुमार, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th May, 1999

S.O. 339(E).— Whereas the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956 and July, 1970 respectively to inquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August, 1945, his reported death as a result of an air craft accident, and subsequent developments connected therewith had come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash;

And, whereas there is a wide spread feeling among the public that the issue of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remains;

And, whereas there has been a consistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter;

And, whereas the Calcutta High Court also directed the Government of India for a vigorous inquiry in accordance with Law, if necessary, by appointing a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of giving an end to this controversy;

And, whereas a Motion was adopted on 24.12.1998 by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly wherein a demand has been made for a fresh inquiry into the matter to remove the mystery regarding the whereabouts of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an indepth inquiry into a definite matter of a public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952(60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

2. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:-

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

3. The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than six months from the date of publication of this notification.

5. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi, and/or any other place as determined by the Commission.

6. The Central Government is of the opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section(2), sub-section(3), sub-section(4) and sub-section(5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of the said section 5, hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2) to (5) of that section shall apply to the Commission.

[F. No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(D.III)]

NIKHIL KUMAR, Spl. Secy.

To
the Secretary Ministry of
External Affairs.

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Memorandum to the Prime Minister's office,
Ministry of Home, Ministry of Defense and
Ministry of External Affairs.

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was set up by the Govt. of India in response to a long standing public demand and following two decisions of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. The latter stipulated the necessity of a fresh inquiry into Netaji's disappearance and full co-operation of the Govt. of India in regard to supply of all documents on Netaji.

Unfortunately, the Govt. of India, let alone being co-operative, has not so far been responsive in the proper sense of the term to the Hon'ble Commission's repeated demands for documents having significant bearing on the disappearance issue. "Documents destroyed" or "missing" - a convenient ploy for suppression of the truth, has already been resorted to. The specific orders for such destruction of files containing documents asked for, have not yet been sent to the Commission. Privilege has been claimed to certain documents on the grounds of public interest, affairs of state, adverse impact on relationship with friendly countries and lowering of Netaji's image. None of the grounds has been explained and pursuant to the Commission's demand for such explanations an Affidavit that was as elusive as the grounds themselves, was submitted to the Commission by

JS/ERA
For you
Ansari
20/12/01

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Dr. K. R. A.
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on our part. Mita 26/12/01

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the Home Secretary. Then there was all quiet on the Governmental front. The Affidavit in reply has not yet been responded to. Silence, it seems, has been found strategically most effective.

Files containing documents of historical and national importance are never destroyed, as construction of a nation's history is contingent upon it. If they have been destroyed for suppression of the truth or for any other reason, the "shadow files" of each of them must have been in Government's custody. Keeping "shadow files" has always been the ultimate guarantee of preserving the sources on the basis of which history is written. Such sources never wither away because in that case, a nation would be without any moorings in the past. A nation without its past is an absurdity par excellence.

If disclosure of documents exposes some heinous act of betrayal to the nation thereby tarnishing one's image, it becomes all the more necessary in public interest. After all, the present Commission was set up with the professed commitment to uncover the truth. And truth it is that the whole disappearance issue has so far been carefully jettisoned either through disinformation campaign or by being completely oblivious to the latest findings of the researchers from several Russian Archives. If there is a deep-rooted conspiracy, it is here period.

One wonders how disclosure of documents on Netaji is going to affect our relationship with certain friendly countries. To talk about friends, in this context, it surely refers to the friends of British India. A hidden agreement with them during the transfer of power for suppression of the truth, is not improbable. It helped perpetuate the privileged position of those who were sold out to the Raj for ambitions rooted in political power. But does the Government of India have any compulsion, even now, to keep that agreement alive ?

There must be something very seriously wrong somewhere. The Govt. of India never registered its formal protest in the U.N. against treating Netaji as a war criminal. Not did it ever come up with any answer whatsoever to the question why it signed in 1971 a U.N. treaty on extension of the time-limit for war criminal's trial especially in the context of war crimes committed in the World War II. Who were India's war criminals in 1971 in connection with the World War II ? The compulsion that has muted all answers to these intriguing questions must have outlived the inauguration of the Constitution of India and declaration of India's Democratic and Sovereign status. Power was transferred, but, not to a sovereign nation-state. One wonders.

The argument that such disclosures would lower Netaji's image is ridiculous. After the transfer of power display of Netaji's photograph was banned in military barracks and canteens, the first programme in the A.I.R. celebrating Netaji's birthday was banned and posthumous Bharat Ratna was awarded to Netaji equating him with not only lesser mortals but also with characters of dubious political credentials. All these and a lot more have already been done to bring him to ignominy with closely guarded secrets and a carefully nurtured cynicism about what really happened. But people's sentiment in this respect never underwent any fundamental change. No one has yet succeeded in lowering his image. No one should feel complacent about its future success. The possibility of lowering of Netaji's image is then only a convenient ruse for suppression of the truth.

What could be more clinching in this respect than the Prime Minister's recent visit to Japan's Renkoji Temple ? This is in gross violation of the law of the land. He has signed the visitors' book and reportedly has written therein, "I am happy to visit Renkoji for the second time, a place where the memories of India's great freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lies

secured" (Pioneer, December 10, New Delhi edition). Unless and until the alleged ashes allegedly preserved in Renkoji Temple are taken to be genuine the question of relating the temple to the "memory" of Netaji does not arise. In 1978 Mr Atal Behari Bajpayee, the then Minister of External Affairs, was present when Prime Minister Morarji

Desai declared on the floor of the Parliament that both the reports of Shah Nawaz Committee and Khosla Commission were difficult to accept as decisive in light of some "contemporary official documentary evidence." It was unanimously accepted in the Parliament. But Mr Bajpayee's visit to Renkoji Temple as Prime Minister of India has sought to give credence to the alleged ashes thereby accepting the alleged plane crash story. This is inspite of the fact that the veracity of the alleged ashes and the alleged plane crash is currently being examined by a Commission set up by his Government. The intention becomes all the more mela fide in light of the fact that Renkoji Temple was completely gutted in a devastating fire in 1989. What Mr Bajpayee has witnessed is a newly constructed temple.

Such an act in flagrant disregard of all sense of probity and commitments underlying Prime Minister's oath of office makes the Commission's work infructuous. The entire scenario has never been as frustrating and outrageously resistant to unravelling the truth as it is now. Again, one wonders why ?

The hope that was generated by the present Govt.'s decision to form a Commission of inquiry can be revived again, before it is too late, by supplying all the files containing documents asked for, to the Commission. It is through disclosure of all documents on Netaji that the present impasse can come to an end. As such, we urge upon the different departments of the Govt. of India including Prime Minister's Office to provide the Commission with all the files for which demands have repeatedly been placed before

the Govt. of India. As a reminder of what we have already asked for, through the Commission but, of which the fate is still unknown, ^{some} ~~they~~ are referred to once again in the Annexures to this Memorandum.

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Commission of Inquiry
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Date: 19.12.2001

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NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

LIST OF EXHIBITS MARKED AS 'COM NO' DURING
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| Com. No. | OFFICE | SUBJECT ETC. | PAGE NO. |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| ✓ [COM - 1 | 18 | Serial No.82 (Page 119) in File No. c/551/67/JP. Letter from Shri J. C. Ajmani, Counsellor, Embassy of India, Japan, Tokyo dated 29.12.1967 address to Shri A.R. Deo, DS(EA) Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. | |
| ✓ [COM - 2 | 18 | File No. C/551/67/JP (Page 120). Note No. 136/ASW dated 20.12.1967 from the Japanese office, Tokyo. | ✓ |
| ✓ [COM - 3 | 18 | File No. C/551/67/JP-S, No. 84 (page 122) letter dated 18.1.1968 from Shri P. Vijai, Attached (E A) to Shri Ramesh Chandra Das, B.A. Head Master, Bagpur High School, Bagpur, (Assam). | |
| COM - 4 | ✓ 13 | File No. 57/103/52-Poll(I) | |
| 4(A) | 13 | S.No. 1 (Page1) Letter from Shri U. C. Malhotra dated 12.9.1962 to Home Minister. | |
| 4(B) | 13 | Page 2 - Reply from Home Minister's Office to Shri U. C. Malhotra. | |
| 4(C) | 13 | Page 3 - Letter sent to Shri U. C. Malhotra by Home Ministry on 30.10.1962. | |
| ✓ [COM - 5 | ✓ 10 | File No. 24(13)-FEA/55 of the Ministry of External Affairs. | |
| ✓ [5(a) | ✓ 10 | Page 22 - Letter dated 24.7.1956 from Shri Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section (Japan) to Shri A. K. Dar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo. | |

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| COM - 5 (continued) | 10 | | |
| 5(b) | 10 | Page - 23 Statement dated 14.7.1956 from Bureau of Health and Hygiene - Taipei Municipal Office. | |
| 5(c) | 10 | Page - 24(a) Statement in Chinese language. | |
| COM - 6 | 2 | Page I - Letter dated 7.8.1972 from Shri S. C. Tandon, Joint Deputy Director, Intelligence Bureau, to Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, forwarding some documents. | |
| 6(A) | 2 | Pages 2 to 4. Finney's reported dated 5.10.1945. | 17 |
| 6(B) | 2 | Page 10 - Report by Counter Intelligence Corps dated 29.9.1945, GHQ-AFDAC | 31 |
| 6(C) | 2 | Page 19 - Five photographs sent by GHQ, US ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC, Not published in the majority report but published in the Dissentient Report of S. C. BOSE. | |
| 6(D) | 2 | Page 20 - Extracts from CSDIC India Red Fort, Delhi, No.2 Section Report No. 1156 dated 31.12.1945 - Captain Habib-ur-Rehman Khan. | 39 |
| COM - 7 | 6 | File relating Intelligence Bureau containing Annexure B & C | 13 |
| 7(A) | 6 | Page 1-4, Report dated 20.8.1949 from Inspector SESIII: | |
| 7(B) | 6 | Extract from TOP SECRET letter (Page 9) No. SLO/CC/1 dated 1.3.1946 from Mr. Young to Mr. McK. Wright, IB, New Delhi. | |
| 7(C) | 6 | Scaling plan (page 17) of Japanese Bomber carrying S. C. Bose and other according to Habib-ur-Rehman. | |
| 7(D) | 6 | Report by Counter Intelligence Corps dated 29.9.45 by GHQ, AFPAC, on the death of Subhas Chandra Bose. | |

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| COM - 8 | 8 | File Containing extracts from file no. <u>4/23/71-NG</u> -Appendix 'D' S.No. 61. | |
| 8(A) | 8 | Page 121 - DIB U.O. No. SA/661 dated 2.4.1946 from Deputy Director (IB) to CSDIC(I) Red Fort, Delhi. | |
| 8(B) | 8 | Page 122 - points for Re-interrogation of Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman. B1269. | |
| 8(C) | 8 | Page 123 - Re-examination report No. 1400/23/SE dated 10.4.1946 on Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman. (Forwarding letter) - | |
| 8(D) | 8 | Page 124 - Reinterrogation report of Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman, CSDIC(I). | |
| COM - 9 | 3 | File No. 273/INA (Defence) Misc. 10 regarding report of American Intelligence Bureau. | 5 & 30 |
| COM - 10(A) | 21 | Page 16-17 Translation from W.K. "Taiwan Shin Pao" Newspaper dated 25.8.1945. | |
| 10(B) | 21 | Page 18 - Certificate from Director Taiwan Provincial Library | |
| 10(C) | 21 | Photostat copy of Newspaper. | |
| COM - 11 | 7 | Annexure 'A' - Reports submitted by I.B. regarding Sadhu of Shoulamari Ashram. | 23 |
| COM - 12 | 22 | File No. 4/18/70-NC | |
| 12(A) | 22 | Page 2 - Letter dt. 22.1.71 from Shri T.R. Agnani, Home Minister to Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission. | |
| ✓ 12(B) | 22 | Page 3 - Letter dt. 1.3.71 from Home Ministry to E.A. Ministry. | |
| ✓ 12(C) | 22 | Page 4 - Letter dt. 22.3.71 from Home Ministry to E.A. Ministry. | |
| 12(D) | 22 | Page 5 - Letter dt. 27.3.71 from Home Ministry to Secy. N.I.C. | |
| 12(E) | 22 | Page 6 - Letter dt. 9.3.71 from Min. F.A. Pakistan to H.C. of India in Pakistan | |

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| COM - 13 | 9 | Sketch of seating arrangements in the alleged crashed plane submitted by Mr. Nonogaki at Tokyo on 7.4.1971. | |
| COM - 14 | 9 | PAGE 2 - -do- submitted by Mr. Kono at Tokyo on 13.4.1971. | |
| COM - 15 | 9 | Page 3 - -do- submitted by Mr. I. Takahashi at Tokyo on 14.4.1971. | |
| COM - 16 | 9 | Page 4 - Sketch drawn by Mr. K. Sakai of Taihoku Airport - 1945 Tokyo on 15.4.1971. | |
| COM - 17 | 26 | Re-intenogation of Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman C&DIC(I) B-1269 | |
| COM - 18 | 23 | Page 6 - Statesman dated 30.11.1964 containing photograph of Mongolian parliamentary delegation - submitted by Shri Nikunja Bihari Haolder. | |
| COM - 19 | 5 | Page 1 - Historical Potsdam Agreement. | 3 |
| COM - 20 | 5 | ITEM 8 - Extract from German Military Intelligence (photostat copy) | 8 |
| COM - 21 | 5 | - U.S.A. - Office of the strategic service Washington - Bose Journey to the FAR EAST. | 14 |
| COM - 22(A) | 1 | Page 115 - Military HQ papers Far East Memorandum by the Director of Intelligence dealing with the statement by Mr. Gandhi 'Bose Legand' | 15 |
| 22(B) | 1 | Page 117 - Diaries of Supreme Allied Commander Sournth East Asia in W.O. Class No. 1972 - (Mountbatten) | 19 & 33 |
| 22(C) | 1 | Page 119 - Regarding last Movements of S. C. Bose. | |
| 22(D) | 1 | Page 155 - Statement of Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi (Capt) Regarding the death of Chandra Bose at Taihoku. | |

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| COM - 23(A) | 2 | Page 31-C Captain Habib-ur-Rehman C.S.D.I.C. 2 SEC Report 1156 | 16 |
| 23(B) | 2 | Page 33 - Interrogation of Col. Yono Muraji, O.C. 2 Staff Section Southern Area Army, Singapore. | |
| 23(C) | 2 | Page 35 - CSDIC(I) Report No. D.12 dated 2.11.1945 - on N.G.SWA MI. | |
| COM - 24(A) | 6 | Page 22 - Translation of messages regarding the death of Bose found in a file of reports belonging to H. KIKAN dated 24.9.1945. | |
| -do- | 2 | Page 5 - -do- | |
| 24(B) | 2 | Page 7 - Interrogation Report - Major Takahashi, Kiyoji, Hiwari Kikan. | |
| 24(C) | 2 | Page 8 - Summary of signals dated 6.10.1945. | |
| 24(D) | 2 | Page 9 - Letter dt. 8.10.45 from Mr. John Figges to C in C India (BMI) re : death of S.C. Bose. | |
| 24(E) | 2 | Page 13 - Top secret letter No. DIB/B.2 dt. 10.10.1945 from Mr. P.E.B. Finney A.D. (DIB) Bangkok. | |
| 24(F) | 2 | Page 14 - Report submitted by Mr. W.F.W. Davies, I.P. on Subhas Chandra Bose Saigon Enquiry (7.10.1945) | |
| 24(G) | 2 | Page 16 - Wantanbe's report on SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE dt. 12.11.1945 submitted by Mr. Finney. | |
| COM - 25A | 6 | Page 5 - Letter dated 10.9.57 from Shri S.P.S. Shibu to P.B. | |
| 25(B) | 6 | Page 6 - I.B. letter No. NCY-1136/57 dated 28.11.1957 | |
| 25(C) | 6 | Page 7 - I.B. Letter No. NCX-2137/57 dated 13.12.1957. | |
| 25(D) | 6 | Page 8 - DIB letter No. 31/DG/56-II dated 4.1.1958 to NEA. | |

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| COM - 26(A) | 6 | Page 18 - C.S. - Reports of the British Govt. of India on Inquiry about the plane crash. | 28 |
| 26(B) | 6 | Page 18 - As against Com. 24(F) | |
| 26(C) | 6 | Page 20 - Date relating to the death of Chandra Bose. | |
| COM - 27 | 6 | Page 11 - Letter dt. 19.2.1946 from W.Mck Wright to Major Young | 29 |
| COM - 28(A) | 11 | Page 1 - As against Com.22(D) at p.4. | |
| 28(B) | 11 | Page 5 - Probability of Bose's keeping in touch with some under ground political organisations in India. | |
| 28(C) | 11 | Page 6 - Bl269 Visits to Tokyo | |
| 28(D) | 11 | Page 8 - Bl269 returns to Singapore. | |
| 28(E) | 11 | Page 9 - Surrender of the Japanese | |
| 28(F) | 11 | Page 10 - Departure to Bangkok. | |
| 28(G) | 11 | Page 11 - Last movements of Bose. | |
| 28(H) | 11 | Page 11 - At Saigon | |
| 28(I) | 11 | Page 13 - At Tourane | |
| 28(J) | 11 | Page 14 - The crash. | |
| 28(K) | 11 | Page 17 - At Tokyo. | |
| 28(L) | 11 | Page 18 - Arrival at Delhi. | |
| 28(M) | 11 | Page 23 - Letter dt. 21.1.46 from L.T. Col. Anderson on Death of Bose. | |
| 28(N) | 11 | Page 24 - letter dt. 3.12.45 from Commandent CSDIC (India) to CSDIC (I) Kabul Lines. | |
| 28(O) | 11 | Page 25 - Letter dt. 8.11.1945 from SACSEA Commission No. Saigon re; S. C. Bose. | |

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| COM - 28(P) | 11 | Page 52 - CSDIC(I) 2 Sec. Report 996 Person el Staff, etx. of S. C. Bose. | |
| 28(Q) | 12 | F. No. 400/INA- Page 4 - Re-interrogation of Capt. Habibur Rehman. | |
| 28(Q)1 | 12 | Page 11 - Points for re-interrogation | |
| 28(R) | 12 | Page 12 - Letter No. 1400/23/SE dt. 25.3.1946 from CSDIC Red Fort re last plans of S. C. Bose. | |
| 28(S) | 12 | Page 18 - No. 1300/SE dt. 21.3.46 from CSDIC Red Fort. | |
| 28(T) | 12 | Page 25 - Letter No. CSUC No. C.5/CS dt. 9.3.1945 from W.Mck Wright | |
| 28(U) | 12 | Page 26 - Letter dt. 19.2.1946 from GS Branch Military Intelligence dt. to Lt. Col. Anderson regarding alleged death of S. C. Bose. | |
| 28(V) | 12 | Page 22 - As against Com.24(O) at p.4. | |
| 28(W) | 12 | Page 36 - Watanabe's statement. | |
| 28(X) | 12 | Page 40 - Extract from the statement of Bhaskara Menon dt. 23.10.1945. | |
| 28(Y) | 12 | Page 41 - As against Com.6(B) at p.2. | |
| 28(Z) | 12 | Page 43 - Extract from Report No. 1156 dt. 31.12.1945 on Habib-ur-Rehman. | |
| 28(AA) | 12 | Page 47 - Comparison points on interrogation submitted by C.I.C. Report and CSDIC Report. | |
| 28(BB) | 12 | Page 51 - No. ST/12/194 dt. 28.2.45 from S.R. Asia to CSDIC Red Fort regarding sending of extract from report No. 1412 on A.M. Sahay. | |
| 28(CC) | 12 | Page 59 - Letter N.ST/12/66 dt. 15.1.46 regarding death of Bose. | |
| 28(DD) | 12 | Page 60 - No. GR/DO/4 dt. 22.11.45 from Saigon Control commission to CSDIC(I) Red Fort. | |

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| COM - 29(A) 16 | | File No. 2(64)/56-PM-Vol.I Page 58/A Telegram No. 28422 dated 2.7.1956 from Foreign, New Delhi to Indembassy, Peking Regarding 'TRADE DELIGATION IN CHINA' | |
| ✓ 29(B) 16 | | Page 56/A-Telegram No. 28409 dated 24.5.1956 from Foreign New Delhi to Indembassy, Tokyo - Regarding visit to Formosa. | |
| ✓ 29(C) 16 | | Page 55/A - Telegram No. 28407 dated 22.5.1956 from Foreign New Delhi to Indembassy Tokyo. | |
| ✓ 29(D) . 16 | | Page 54/A-Telegram No. 44 dated 19.5.1956 from Indembassy Tokyo to Foreign, New Delhi regarding visit to Formosa. | |
| 29(E) 16 | | Page 50/A-Letter No. 793-PMH/56 dt. 14.4.1956 from Shri J. L. Nehru to Shri S. N. Khan. | |
| 29(F) 16 | | Page 49/A-Letter dated 14.4.1956 from Shri J. L. Nehru to Suresh Bose. | |
| 29(G) 16 | | Page 48/A-Letter dated 14.4.1956 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri J. L. Nehru. | |
| 29(H) 16 | | Page 45/A - Shri Nehru's note dated 2.4.1956 clarifying the position as asked by Shri Suresh Bose. | |
| 29(I) 16 | | Page 45/B - Letter dated 2.4.1956 from Shri Suresh Bose to P.M. | |
| 29(J) 16 | | Page 44/B - Note for supplementaries to Starred Question No. 431 dt. 3.12.56 | |
| ✓ 29(K) 16 | | Page 43/A - Telegram No. 107 dt. 12.11.1956 from Indembassy, Tokyo to Foreign, N. Delhi. | |
| 29(L) 16 | | Page 42/B - Letter dt. 19.10.1955 from Shri L. C. Talwar, General Secretary, Azad Hind Fauj Association. | |

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| COM - 29(M) | 16 | Page 40/A - Letter No. 583-PHO/55 dated 11.10.1955 from Shri J. L. Nehru to Shri B. C. Roy, Chief Minister West Bengal regarding Ashes of Shri Subhas Bose. | |
| 29(N) | 16 | Page 39/A - Letter dt. 1.10.1955 from P.M. to B. C. Roy regarding ashes. | |
| ✓ 29(O) | 16 | Page 37/A - Telegram No. 6437 dt. 21.9.1955 from Foreign New Delhi to Indembassy, Tokyo regarding Memorial Service held for Subhas Bose in Tokyo. | |
| 29(P) | 16 | Page 33/A - Note dated 20.7.1955 from Shri J. L. Nehru regarding Memorial Services for Subhas Bose. | |
| 29(Q) | 16 | Page 32/A - Letter No. 23(156)-PM dated 19.7.1954 from M. L. Bazaz, PS TO PM, to Chairman, Berhampore Municipality regarding Bose's death. | |
| 29(R) | 16 | Page 23/A - An extract from the proceedings of General Meeting of the Commissioners of Berhampore Municipality held on 7.7.1954. | |
| 29(S) | 16 | Page 20/A - Letter dated 21.1.1954 to Shri N. D. Mazumdar. | |
| 29(T) | 16 | Page 21/A - Letter dated 16.1.1954 from Shri N. D. Mazumdar to Shri J. L. Nehru sending two draft resolutions. | |
| 29(T)(1) | | Page 21/B - Two draft resolutions. | |
| 29(U) | 16 | Page 19/A - Starred Question No. 561 dated 6.3.1953 Lok Sabha regarding Ashes of Subhas Bose. | |
| 29(U)(1) | | Page 19/B - Note for supplementaries for the above questions. | |
| 29(V) | 16 | Page 18/A - P.M.'s note dated 13.2.53 regarding appointment of Commission. | |
| 29(V)(1) | 16 | Page 19/B - Notes for supplementaries. | |

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| COM - 29(W) 16 | | Page 16/A-DO No. 25/4/NGO dated 30.6.52 from Ministry of External Affairs to Shri S. A. Ayer. | |
| 29(X) 16 | | Page 14/A - Letter dt. 11.6.1952 from Shri S. A. Ayer to Shri B. N. Kaul, PPS to PM | |
| 29(Y) 16 | | Page 12/B - Cutting of Hindustan Standard dated 7th March 52. | |
| 29(Y)(1) 16 | | Page 12/B-1/ - Cutting of Hindustan Standard dated 7.3.1952. | |
| 29(Z) 16 | | Page 11/A-Q. No. 33 4 dt. 5.3.1952 regarding S. A. Ayer's report. | |
| 29(A)(A) 16 | | Page 9/A - Nehru's letter dt. 1.3.1952 to Shri B. C. Roy, regarding S. A. Ayer's report. | |
| 29(B)(B) 16 | | Page 6/A - Nehru's note dated 26.9.51 regarding Shri Ayer's report. | |
| 29(C)(C) 16 | | Page 5/A - Telegram No. 33 GS dt. 28.4.51 from India, Tokyo to Foreign, New Delhi. | |
| 29(D)(D) 16 | | Page 4/A - Parliament Question No. 3285 dated 19.4.1952 by Shri Kamath regarding Netaji's death. | ✓ |
| 29(E)(E) 16 | | Page 3/A - Parliament Question No. 2639 dated 29.3.1951 regarding 'Ashes'. | ✓ |
| 29(F)(F) 16 | | Page 2/A - Ministry of External Affairs, No. D.1496-CJK/51 dt. 20.3.51. | |
| 29(G)(G) 16 | | Page 1/A - Letter dated 22.a.1951 from Shri J. K. Bhonsle to Shri J. L. Nehru. | |
| COM - 30(A) 17 | | File No. 2(64)/56-66-PM-Vol.II/Page 81/A- Letter dated 12.5.1962 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri J.L. Nehru regarding proof of alleged plane crash. | |
| 30(B) 17 | | Page 82/A - Reply to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri J. L. Nehru. | |

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| COM - 30(C) | 17 | Page 83/A - Letter dt. 15.6.1962 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri Behru. | |
| 30(D) | 17 | Page 84/A - Reply dt. 26.6.1962 to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(E) | 17 | Page 85/A - Letter dated 19.7.62 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(F) | 17 | Page 86/A - Reply dated 23.7.1962 to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(G) | 17 | Page 87/A - Letter dt. 8.8.62 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(H) | 17 | Page 88/A - Reply dt. 12.8.1962 to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(I) | 17 | Page 89/A - Letter dt. 28.8.62 from Shri (Prof) Atul Sen to Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(J) | 17 | Page 90/A - Reply dated 31.8.1962 to Prof. Sen by Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(K) | 17 | Page 91/A - Letter no. 133/62 dt. 3.9.62 from Shri N. L. Kanodia, General Secy., Delhi state Forward Block, regarding article published in Newspaper relating Baba of Shaulamari Ashram. | |
| 30(L) | 17 | Page 92/A - Letter dt. 5.9.62 from profl Sen to Shri Nehru. | |
| 30(M)(1) | 17 | Page 93/A - Letter dated 4.10.62 from Shri S. M. Ghosh, M.P. to Shri J. L. Nehru. | |
| 30(M)(2) | 17 | Page 93/B - Report on Shaulmari Sadhu submitted by Shri S. M. GHOSE. | |
| 30(N) | 17 | Page 94/A - Letter No. F/SC/242/62 dt. 6.10.1962 from Shri Remani Ranjan Das Secretary, Shaulmari Ashram regarding 'Demands appology from Shri S. N. Khan'. | |
| 30(O) | 17 | Page 95/A - Rajya Sabha S. Question 131 dt. 13.11.62 by Shri Nawab Singh Chauhan regarding Sadhu's resemblance with Netaji. | |

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| COM - 30(P) | 17 | Page 101/A - Letter dated 15.4.63 from Shri Vijay, Editor, India Reformer. | |
| 30(P)(1) | 17 | Page 102/A - Letter No. 1032-PMH/63 dated 18.4.1963 from Shri J. L. Nehru to Shri Vijay of India Reformer. | |
| 30(Q) | 17 | Page 126/A - Letter No. 2(64)/66-63-PM dated 23.5.1963 from Shri K. Ram to Shri B. N. Mullik, Director, IB. | |
| 30(R)(2) | 17 | Page 112/A - Letter No. III(£162(6) dt. 12.6.63 forwarding a Note ✓ on K. K. Bhandari (from IB TO PPS TO PM) | |
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ANNEXURE - II

1. The 'Contemporary Official documentary records' on the basis of which Prime Minister Moraji Desai refused to accept the reports of Shahnawaz Committee and Khosla Commission as conclusive in 1978 on the floor of the Parliament. Sri Desai's statement was reiterated by Sri Dhaniklal Mondal as the official stand of the Government on the floor of the Parliament on April 11 1979.
2. The secret report of the then Indian Ambassador to Soviet Union K.P.S. Menon's interview with Stalin which dwelled on Netaji's existence in Soviet Russia in February 1953. It was referred to in the Life Magazine dated the 27th February 1953.
3. Mountbatten's Diary (No.172 IN PRD) File No.4/23/71-N.C. of (1970) (Inquiry Commission) (Subject : 'Death of Chandra Bose' - Summary of records in the Mountbatten's Diaries).
4. R.C. Iyer's Affidavit dated June, 6, 1972 (Subject : Availability of General Mcarther's papers in the USA) referred to in the Affidavit of Shri Asok Gupta, Under Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs, submitted to the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) on 13th September, 1970.
5. Entire Report of SACSEA Commission 1, relating to Subhas Chandra Bose.
6. Entire Allied Secret Report, Subject : Subhas Chandra Bose.
7. Entire Report of SEATIC SECTION INTELLIGENCE ASSAULT UNIT. 7TH DIV ALF SIAM with all the SEATIC documents 128.
8. Entire Report of C.I.C. (Combined Intelligence Corp).
9. The entire report of S.A. Iyer placed before Netaji Inquiry Commission by the Government of India. As referred to in this report, Col. Tada told Mr. Iyer : "After the end of the war when Japan surrendered, Terrauchi took all responsibilities to help Netaji to reach Russian territory " (Netaji Inquiry Commission proceedings)
10. The urgent message of Mr.Finney, the Deputy Director of Intelligence Bureau of the British Government attached to Mc.Arthur's Head Quarter at Tokyo, sent to his higher authority in India.
11. The report of British Intelligence team's interrogation of General Bhonsle. (Report of Lt.Col. MCKWRIGHT, Exhibit No:COM/28/V)

12. Entire Proceedings of Netaji Inquiry Commission 1970.

X 13. All documents on Netaji and his disappearance that have hitherto been preserved in the Archives of U.S.A, Russia (especially those had been kept in erstwhile USSR), UK, Japan, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Malayasia.

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Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV) from Counsellor(Pol)

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Further to my fax of December 14 regarding classified British files sought by the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, we have received a reply from the Acting Head of the South Asian Department in the FCO stating the position with respect to these files.

I am enclosing a copy of the same for your information.

Report - *Vikas Swarup*(Vikas Swarup)
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Dear Hardeep,

During a meeting with Stephen Evans in September you handed over a note regarding official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in replying, however the aftermath of the events of 11 September caused us to lose sight of your original enquiry.

I understand from our Records and Historical Department (RHD) that our position on this issue remains as set out in the note of February 2000. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Act). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

Richard Bevins, RHD, told me that this position was explained to Justice Mukherjee (who is leading the Indian Government enquiry) and Vikas Swarup when they called on Records and Historical Department in July.

I am sorry if this adds little to what you already know.

Yours ever,
Iain Lindsay

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9.11.2001 forwarding therewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001.

As desired, the affidavit in original sworn by Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary in this Ministry, in respect of the points mentioned in the Status Report of 9.10.2001 relating to this Ministry is submitted herewith.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Encl: as above

Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the GOI

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I, Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

2. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9th November, 2001 and understood its contents.
3. I would like to state the following :
 - (i) That all the concerned Divisions in this Ministry have gone through all the records available in their custody and have not found any documents or records or files relating either to the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee or the exhibits/documents filed before it.
 - (ii) That the same exercise as at 3(i) above has been carried out to locate Exhibit 29-I which was alleged to have been filed before the Khosla Commission by this Ministry. No record of this exhibit is available in this Ministry.
 - (iii) That the position regarding the availability of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Russian Federation, UK and USA is as follows:
 - (a) Russian Federation: All documents relating to Netaji which were obtained from the Russian Federation have been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission vide this Ministry's letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 1.10.2001.
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 - (c) USA : The matter of locating documents in the USA related to Netaji has been taken up with the Embassy of India in Washington. Their response is awaited.
4. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/48/2000/313 dated 20.9.2001 and No. JMCI/8/2000/103 dated 25.5.2001 and understood their contents.



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Sayo →
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VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this Fourteenth day of December, 2001, that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge derived from official records.

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SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE MYSTERY

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US papers have shed new light on Subhas Chandra Bose mystery as reported in the Hindustan Times dated August 17, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the report; and

(c) if so, their reaction thereto?

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The findings of the first-ever public probe on Internet are before us. Besides indicating that Subhas Bose did not die in the air crash on August 18, 1945, they also throw up pointers to the conspiracies that dogged the great leader during the dying days of World War II.



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Emilie Schenkl-Bose believed the air crash was 'fabricated' and her husband Subhas Bose lived on in the USSR. Strange as it may seem, Indian governments never really supported any probe to establish what happened to him. ...**Details**

Bose was at Stalin's mercy in 1946

Subhas Bose was present in the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1946! The proof lies in the high-security Paddolsk Military Archive, situated 40 km from Moscow. ...**Details**

'US sleuths tailed Bose till Russia'

Two of the Indian National Army (INA) greats Col Lakshmi Sehgal and Col Habibur Rehman had information on Subhas Bose's activities in August and September of 1945, but concealed it from the world. ...**Details**

Subhas alive for Britain in 1946

For one full year after the reported death of Subhas Bose on August 18, 1945 in an air crash, the British were still discussing ways of dealing with him. Lord Wavell recorded in his diary: "If Subhas Bose had planned to go underground, the crash story is just the kind of story that would be put out." ...**Details**

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- The latest government attempt to stymie the probe is reflected in Home Secretary Kamal Pande's refusal to share Subhas Bose files with the Mukherjee Commission.
- He says the disclosure of the files will harm public interest, evoke widespread reactions, lower the image of Bose and adversely affect diplomatic ties with friendly countries.
- In 1956, the Ministry of External Affairs told the Shah Nawaz Committee that "...any attempt to visit Formosa (the site of the crash) may well turn out to be embarrassing all round and lead to frustrating complications....
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SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Yours kindly handle the question, as on previous occasions.
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US papers have shed new light on Subhas Chandra Bose mystery as reported in the Hindustan Times dated August 17, 2001;

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Spoken. As per printed list, this question has not been finally admitted. JSC (CV)
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Subhas Bose was present in the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1946! The proof lies in the high-security Paddolsk Military Archive, situated 40 km from Moscow. [...Details](#)

'US sleuths tailed Bose till Russia'

Two of the Indian National Army (INA) greats Col Lakshmi Sehgal and Col Habibur Rehman had information on Subhas Bose's activities in August and September of 1945, but concealed it from the world. [...Details](#)

Subhas alive for Britain in 1946

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CIA tracks Subhas Bose till 1964

Declassified documents show that even in 1964, at the level of US Secretary of State, the CIA had reservations about Subhas Bose's death and was mulling over the possibility that Bose might return to his homeland. [...Details](#)

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- The latest government attempt to stymie the probe is reflected in Home Secretary Kamal Pande's refusal to share Subhas Bose files with the Mukherjee Commission.
- He says the disclosure of the files will harm public interest, evoke widespread reactions, lower the image of Bose and adversely affect diplomatic ties with friendly countries.
- In 1956, the Ministry of External Affairs told the Shah Nawaz Committee that "...any attempt to visit Formosa (the site of the crash) may well turn out to be embarrassing all round and lead to frustrating complications....
- The Nehru Government was never in a mood to institute a probe. It was only when the Calcutta-based Netaji Smarak Samiti decided on October 6, 1955 to institute a non-official enquiry that the Shah Nawaz Committee was instituted

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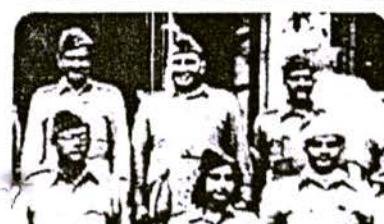
The Secret files: These two documents are just a few among the many Government files held back from the Mukherjee Commission. Apart from these, there are also many files from the Prime Minister's secretariat which have gone missing! [...Details](#)

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Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV) from Counsellor(Pol)

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Your fax of December 13 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. I had informed Director(CNV) of DHC's request to the Head of the South Asian Department that the Commission of Inquiry be permitted to examine British intelligence records withheld from release. My letter No. Lon/Pol/103/17/00 of October 16 refers.

I have reminded the FCO again. They have promised to revert before December 19.

regards.

(Vikas Swarup)

Counsellor(Pol)

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JS(AMS) from Minister (Political)

Ref. your fax of December 12 regarding documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be furnished to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

Since the receipt of Director(CNV)'s letter No. 25-4/NGO-Vol.VI dated May 10, 2001, we have been pursuing the dual requests for the location of journalist and Pulitzer prize winner Louis Lochner and obtaining documentation from the US Government, but have not so far met with any success.

With regard to locating Mr. Lochner, we had approached several "old-timers" who we felt might have a clue about his whereabouts and whether he was still alive. Two of them, Mr. Selig Harrison (who you would recall used to be the Washington Post correspondent in Delhi in the 1950s) and Mr. Lenord Gordon of the Southern Asian Institute at Colombia University in New York appeared to have some recollection of his work but were not able to help at all on the crucial question of whether he was still alive and if so, where he might be staying. Both felt it was unlikely Mr. Lochner was alive at this time, but were not prepared to give any definite confirmation of this.

As regards declassified documents in possession with US Government and its agencies, we had made enquiries with the Intelligence and Research Bureau of the US State

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Department. Documents, once declassified, are no longer retained by the US Government and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centre. Government documents dating to the period after 1947 when the US established diplomatic relations with independent India are easier to locate as dispatches from US Embassy that have been declassified are collated regionwise. Those documents that have not been declassified need to be requisitioned with specific details under the US Freedom of Information Act. This is a tardy and complicated process. Documents prior to 1947 are available, but more difficult to locate as the sources are indirect. For example, these could be in the form of formerly classified documents from the US Embassies in London, Tokyo, etc. We were advised that it was most likely that such material had already been researched by other scholars and would be available in the form of published books on Netaji Subhas Bose. Alternately, we might get a scholar to privately research this for a suitable fee. I spoke directly to Dr. Leonard Gordon in New York, but his response was not very encouraging.

You may wish to assure the Commission that we have made all possible efforts so far within our available resources as detailed above, but have regrettably not come up with something tangible. We would continue to make efforts at least the sphere of obtaining some declassified US Government documentation. It would help the Mission if the Ministry could indicate to us specific activities/events that we are looking for.

Regards


(Francis Vaz)
Minister (Political)
December 14, 2001



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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/455 dated 5.12.2001 forwarding therewith a copy letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated 29.10.2001 of the Prime Minister's Office regarding former PM's statement on the floor of the Parliament on 28.8.1978 expressing doubts about the conclusion of the earlier two Reports about the disappearance of Netaji, in view of the availability of certain contemporary official documents.

We have checked the records available in this Ministry but could not locate any document referred to in the former PM's above statement.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

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Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) dated 18.9.2001 which was endorsed to this Ministry by the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their U.O. No. I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III dated 18.10.2001 regarding deletion of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the list of UN War Criminals.

In this connection, on the Ministry's advice, our Permanent Mission in New York had approached the UN Secretariat to have access to their archives. On examination of the records, nothing was found to indicate that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in any of the lists of UN War Criminals.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

S.No. 12/c

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/408 dated 13.11.2001 regarding arrangements for the purpose of hearing of the Commission in Japan.

Our Mission in Tokyo have informed us that they are in the process of making appropriate arrangements as desired by the Commission. However, the Mission have requested for information on the duration of stay of the Commission in Japan since all arrangements will have to be made accordingly. This information may please be provided expeditiously.

Our Mission have also informed that they are still awaiting a response from the Japanese Foreign Office giving their assent to the co-operation of the Japanese Government with the deliberations of the Commission in Japan.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Reference your letter of December 3, 2001 on the above subject, we have yet to receive a response from the Japanese Foreign Office giving their assent to the co-operation of the Japanese Government with the deliberations of the Hon'ble Commission on Japanese soil.

We have observed that the Hon'ble Commission has made significant requests for personnel, space and equipment. We are examining these requests and shall have to make a budgetary estimate of space rental, local hire of personnel and equipment and may have to request deputation of office staff from Delhi. In making these estimates, we shall be assuming that the Commission will be in session for 30 days in Tokyo.

British kind regards.

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NEW DELHI

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FAX MESSAGE

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 14, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9.11.2001 forwarding therewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001.

As desired, a copy of the affidavit in respect of the points mentioned in the Status Report of 9.10.2001 relating to this Ministry is faxed herewith. The original affidavit will be submitted to the Commission at the time of its next hearing in Delhi on 19.12.2001.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta (Fax No: 033-2162765)
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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I, Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

2. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9th November, 2001 and understood its contents.
3. I would like to state the following :
 - (i) That all the concerned Divisions in this Ministry have gone through all the records available in their custody and have not found any documents or records or files relating either to the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee or the exhibits/records/documents filed before it.
 - (ii) That the same exercise as at 3(i) above has been carried out to locate Exhibit 29-I which was alleged to have been filed before the Khosla Commission by this Ministry. No record of this exhibit is available in this Ministry.
 - (iii) That the position regarding the availability of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Russian Federation, UK and USA is as follows:
 - (a) Russian Federation: All documents relating to Netaji which were obtained from the Russian Federation have been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission vide this Ministry's letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 1.10.2001.
 - (b) UK : The High Commission of India in London has been in touch with the concerned authorities in the UK who have assured that they would revert in the matter. This Ministry is awaiting further response from the High Commission of India in London.
 - (c) USA : The matter of locating documents in the USA related to Netaji has been taken up with the Embassy of India in Washington. Their response is awaited.
4. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/48/2000/313 dated 20.9.2001 and No. JMCI/8/2000/103 dated 25.5.2001 and understood their contents.

5. I would like to state that the Embassy of India in Moscow has not been able to locate the whereabouts of the witnesses in Russia till date. The details of efforts made by the Mission in its search for the witnesses have been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide this Ministry's letter No. 25/4/NGO Vol.VII dated 3rd December, 2001.


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VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this fourteenth day of December, 2001, that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge derived from official records.


Surya

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FAX MESSAGE**MOST IMMEDIATE**

To: Shri Hardeep Puri, DHC
 High Commission of India,
 London

From: Jayant Prasad,
 Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)

Pages: 1 Date 13.12.2001

Return: Fax: 301-1996 Phone: 379-2070

Subject: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

DHC from JS(AMS & CNV)

We had written to you on 7th September, concerning certain classified records lying with the British Intelligence agencies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In your response of 16th October, you had mentioned about your meeting with Mr. Stephen Evans, Head of the South Asian Department in the FCO and that he had promised to revert in the matter.

I am required to present evidence on behalf of the Ministry before the Justice Mukherjee Commission on 19th December forenoon on the availability of the documentation requested. Gratefully indicate the latest position in the matter. We need specific details of the efforts made by the Mission and the results thereof, otherwise there may be adverse strictures against the Ministry by Justice Mukherjee.



(Jayant Prasad)

Shivkumar Swamy.
 Please assist.



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**FAX MESSAGE****MOST IMMEDIATE**

To: Shri Alok Prasad, DCM,
Indembassy Washington D.C.

From: Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary
(AMS)

Pages: 1 Date: 12.12.2001

Return: Fax: 301-1996 Phone: 379-2070

Subject: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

DCM from JS (AMS)

We had written to you on 17th October, concerning documents available to U.S. Government and its agencies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which require to be furnished to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

I am required to present evidence on behalf of the Ministry before the Commission on 19th December forenoon on the availability of the documentation requested. Grateful indicate the latest position in the matter. We need specific details of the efforts made by the Mission and the results thereof, otherwise there may be adverse strictures against the Ministry by Justice Mukherjee.

With regards

Jayant
(Jayant Prasad)

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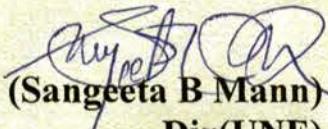
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UH/103/1/98
Ministry of External Affairs
United Nations Division

This is with reference to NGO Section's note No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII 26th November 2001 on the subject of removal of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's name from the lists maintained by the UN War Crimes Commission.

2. On October 15 2001, this Division had sent a letter to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji, stating that PMI New York were allowed to access the archives of the UN War Crimes Commission and to examine the records preserved therein. After doing so, PMI New York have confirmed that nothing was found in the records to indicate that Netaji's name figures on any of the lists of war criminals. Our mission in Tokyo has also confirmed this. A copy of this letter was also endorsed to PMO, who had advised this division vide their ID No.915/11/C/2/2000-Vol.IV dt.1st November 2001 that copies of all available relevant documents should be urgently made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission so as to fully apprise the Commission of this matter.

3. However, since it seems that, not only is the NGO Section the nodal section of the MEA insofar as the communication with the Justice Mukherjee Commission is concerned, but that no other division in the MEA may correspond directly with the Commission, copies of the relevant letters and other documents are being enclosed herewith, with the request that they may be forwarded to the Mukherjee Commission for their information. Since it is clear from the letters received from PMI New York and our Embassy in Tokyo that Netaji's name does not figure on any list of war criminals available with either the UN War Crimes Commission or with the Government of Japan, the Mukherjee Commission may also be requested to regard this particular matter as closed.


(Sangeeta B Mann)
Dir(UNE)
10.12.2001.

US(NGO)

Dir(CNV) may kindly see, before we write to Justice Mukherjee Commission.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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No.

No. UII/103/1/98

New Delhi the.....19
October 15, 2001

Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata – 700 087

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(1) dated 18th September 2001 regarding deletion of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the lists of UN War Criminals.

encl. to S.No. 2/c

Permanent Mission of India, New York have informed that they had made a formal request to the UN Secretariat for access to the archives of the Commission. The records were duly examined but nothing was found there to indicate that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name figured in any of the lists. Our Mission in Tokyo has also confirmed this.

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Yours faithfully,


(Sangeeta Mann)
Director to the Government of India



Satyabrata Pal,
Deputy Permanent
Representative

सत्यारता पाल

No. NY/PM/443/8/98

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PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

8-3 pm '98
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April 7, 1999

My dear Sir,

Please refer to correspondence resting with your fax No. 5996/JS(UN)/98 of the 28th December 1998, regarding the possibility that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in the list of war criminals maintained by the War Crimes Commission.

2. On your instructions, we had sent a formal request to the UN Secretariat for access to the archives of the Commission. Permission having been granted, FS (LA) has examined the relevant records, and has found nothing there to indicate that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in any of the lists.
3. FS (LA)'s note is attached.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Satyabrata Pal

Encl: as above

Shri A. Gopinathan,
Joint Secretary (UNE),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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Permanent Mission of India, New York

Subject: UN Archives - list of war criminals.

Reference letter to PMO from Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate, on the above subject.

I visited the UN Archives today and went through the following lists of war criminals in the records of the UN War Crimes Commission:

Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects (CROWCASS),
Allied Control Authority

1. Consolidated Wanted Lists, Part 2
A - Z Non-Germans only - March 1947
A - Z Non-Germans only - December 1947
2. Supplementary Wanted List, No.1
Part 2 - Non-Germans - June 1947
3. Supplementary Wanted List, No.2
Part 2 - Non-Germans - September 1947

The lists do not contain any reference to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The records also contain lists of charge files consisting of formal charges submitted by States to the Commission. These are classified according to the country which filed the charges and the nationality of the persons charged, eg., France vs. Germans; France vs. Italians, etc. There is no entry regarding charges filed by any country against any Indian national.

Natinder Singh

Natinder Singh
FS (LA)
6.4.1999

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S.Jaishankar
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Chiyoda-ku, TOKYO 102
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Phone : 03 (3262)2391
Fax : 03 (3234)4866
E-Mail : indembjp@gol.com

No.Tok/102/2/92

4th May, 1999

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No.D-1530/JS(UN)/99 dated April 21, 1999 regarding the possibility of Netaji figuring in any list of war criminals. What I had indicated during our brief discussion of the subject was that the Embassy actually had papers to confirm that Netaji did not figure in such a list. I am enclosing a copy of the papers in question, culled from our files, for your information.

R. J. S.
R. J. S.

Yours sincerely,

S. Jaishankar
(S.Jaishankar)

Shri A.Gopinathan,
Jt.Secretary(UNE),
MEA, South Block,
New Delhi.

encl: as above

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Ph. Sumit (Chairman or
in charge)

J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

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No.375-FS/67. Dated the 5th May, 1967.

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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.UII/151(27)/67,
dated the 27th April, 1967.

2. We have made some preliminary inquiries with
the Japanese Foreign Office and academic circles here
who have given a tentative confirmation that Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose was not declared a war criminal.

The question of his being declared a prisoner of war
does not arise because he was never captured by the
allies. He died a little before Japan's surrender.
Our contacts in the Foreign Office have promised to give
us definite information on the query raised by you in
due course. Please consider this as an interim reply.

Yours ever,

Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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No.534-CDA/67.

Dated the 16th October, 1967.

Note Verbale

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and has the honour to state that, according to a report, the International Tribunal for the Far East set up after the last War had, in a judgement, pronounced the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose a War Criminal or a Prisoner of War. The late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, it may be recalled, was a leader of the Indian National Independence Movement and had also inspired and created the Indian National Army during the war in support of the struggle for India's independence. According to records available with the Government of India, no such reference by the International Tribunal to the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose is traceable. Any assistance and information that the Japanese authorities can make available, which will help trace any such reference, would be greatly appreciated.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan the assurances of its highest consideration.

for circulation
BR
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of Japan, Tokyo.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of India and, in reply to the enquiry made by the latter's Note Verbale, No. 534-CDA/67, dated October 16, 1967, concerning the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, has the honour to state as follows:

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1. As far as the records of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (including indictments, writs of judgement, etc.) are concerned, no evidence is found supporting the alleged arrest, prosecution or conviction as a "War Criminal" of the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose by the said Tribunal. Nor exists any evidence supporting the pronouncement by the Tribunal of the late Mr. Chandra Bose as a "Prisoner of War."

2. According to various information regarding the late Mr. Chandra Bose (including that from official documents as well as private publications), Mr. Bose was

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killed in an aircraft accident on August 18, 1945, upon his departure from the Taipei Airport, where he had stopped on his way from Saigon to Dairen (Talien) by a Japanese military aeroplane offered him through the good offices of the late General J. Terauchi, Supreme Commander of the then Japanese Expeditionary Forces, Southern Regions. As it was not until September 11, 1945, that the arrest of General H. Tojo and other persons was started consequent upon indictment instituted against them by the Military Tribunal, it is inconceivable under the circumstances referred to above that Mr. Bose was pronounced as a "War Criminal" by the said Tribunal.

Tokyo, December 20, 1967.



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外務省は、在本邦インド大使館に敬意を表するとともに故スバス・チャンドラ・ポース氏につき照会のあつた1967年10月16日付同大使館口上書No.534-CDA/67に関し、下記のとおり回答する光榮を有する。

記

1. 極東国際軍事裁判所関係諸資料（起訴状、判決書等を含む）によれば、故スバス・チャンドラ・ポース氏が国において「戦争犯罪人」として逮捕され、起訴されあるいは極東国際軍事裁判所によつて有罪の判決を受けた事実は存せずまた、同国際裁判所が同氏を「戦時俘虜」として宣告した事実もない。
2. チャンドラ・ポース氏に関する一般資料（公私の著書等）によれば同氏は南方軍司令官寺内

大将のあつせんによる日本軍用機により、台北経由大連に向かう途中、昭和20年8月18日台北飛行場出発の際、飛行機事故により、死亡している。然るに、極東国際軍事裁判所に訴追された東条大将等の逮捕が始められたのは昭和20年9月11日であつた。チャンドラ・ボース氏が裁判にかけられたり、犯罪者と宣告されたりしたということは、前記のような同氏死亡の日との関係からも考えられないことと思われる。

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087

10028 Dir(Chancery)
By No. 10/12 Date

No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/431(3) November 27, 2001
Kolkata, dated,

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty.

To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India
South Block,
New Delhi-110001

Sir,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated November 9, 2001, sent to you by registered post, I am directed to state for your kind information and necessary action that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001, and, if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11:00 O'Clock at Committee Room 'C' of Vigyan Bhawan Annex, New Delhi.

I am also directed to request you to advise the officer swearing the affidavit in terms of Para 4(a) of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D-3) to remain present before the Commission on 19.12.2001 at 11:00 O'Clock to answer any questions that may be raised relating to his statements made in his affidavit as directed by the Commission in Para 4(b) of the said proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
27.11.2001
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

for you.

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Director (CNN)

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3)

Dated : November 9, 2001.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

3) Mr. -----
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S.I.R.

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001, following action taken on / concerning the directions of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings. The said Status Report may kindly be perused along with the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D 3) sent herewith to take necessary action in the matter and to ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Enclo: As stated above.

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/455 Kolkata, dated, December 5, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,

To : Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-VII dated 26.11.01, I am directed to forward herewith a xerox copy of the letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated 29.10.2001 of the Prime Minister's Office, as asked for by you, for necessary action at your kind end.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo: As stated above.

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By Speed Post 351

No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

New Delhi

29th October, 2001

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third Floor),
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
KOLKATA - 700087.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/178 dated 29.6.2001 regarding former PM's statement on the floor of the Parliament on 28.8.1978 expressing doubts about the conclusion of earlier two Reports about disappearance of Netaji in view of availability of certain contemporary official documents.

Records of this office has been checked up but no such official documents referred to in former PM's above statement could be located in this office. However, position may be checked up separately from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs also.

Yours faithfully,

Alok
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]
Under Secretary (Pol)



Tarakeswar Pal

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Advocate

Senior Counsel To The Government of India

In Justice Mukherjee Commission Of

Inquiry For Inquiry Into The Alleged Disappearance Of

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BY SPEED POST

Date 5th December, 2001

To
Sri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110 011

Dear Sir,

Any about you?
2401/JS(AMS)/01
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Dir/Enr
Re. : No. 25/4/NGO.Vol.VI

In reference to the following :

- a) Para 8 of the status report dated 19th June, 2001, of the Hon'ble Commission (in respect of records of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee),
- b) Para 3 of status report dated 9th October, 2001 of the Hon'ble Commission (in respect of records of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee),
- c) Letter dated 5th July, 2001 (in respect of Commission's letter dated 19th June, ²⁰⁰¹, as to Shah Nawaz Khan Committee Records) , by Smt. Narinder Chahhan, Director (CNV) to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission ;
- d) Order dated 17th October, 2001 passed by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission at New Delhi sitting (11th - D3),
- e) Action taken Report dated 5th July, 2001 of Your Ministry ;
- f) Letter dated 17th October, 2001 (in respect of Justice Khosla Commission documents as per Commission's letter dated 28th May, 2001) by Smt. Narinder Chahhan, Director, CNV to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission ;
- g) Letter dated 1st October, 2001 by Smt. Narinder Chahhan to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission as to documents in Russian Federation ;

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Date 5th December, 2001

- h) Letters dated 5th October, 2001 and 17th October, 2001 by Smt. Narinder Chanhan, Director, CNV, to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission as to witnesses in Japan and the team going to Japan ;
- i) records and/or informations as to the "status of War Criminal" of the Netaji ; and
- j) Affidavits in reply to different Affidavits per several deponents as I opined in my letters dated 1st August, 2001/2nd August, 2001/20th August, 2001/26th-28th August, 2001/29th August, 2001/29th-August, - 3rd September, 2001 and 11th - 14th September, 2001 - all addressed to Smt. Sangita Gairela, J.S. (IS-1), Ministry of Home Affairs, with copies to you specifying subjects to be dealt with by you, as referred to in Para 2 of the status report as on 20th August, 2001 of the Hon'ble Commission ;

May I inform and record as following :

2. That as per order dated 17th October, 2001 (item (d) above) you are to state the facts of not finding the records in question as to Shah Nawaz Khan Committee (item No. (a), (b) and (c) above) should be placed on records by an Affidavit by you, and you will be required to be present at the time of next sitting of the Hon'ble Commission (13th sitting) on 19th December, 2001 at Annexe Committee Room 'C' of the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

3. The Action Taken report dated 5th July, 2001 (item No. (e) above) has not been informed to me, Please send a copy thereof for me to be update with the requirements/questions at the hearing of the Hon'ble Commission.

4. Little Like as to the records of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee (as in Para 2 above) you also state the facts of not finding the records in respect of the Justice Khosla Commission (item no (f) above) in the Affidavit.

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Tarakeswar Pal

Advocate

Senior Counsel-I, To The Government of India

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Date..... 5th December, 2001

5. For appraisal of the matter and prepare myself for the hearings before the Hon'ble Commission kindly send the Russian documents - English Translation (item No. (g) above) to me.

6. As to the proceeding of the Hon'ble Commission in Japan (item No. (h) above) - to examine witnesses, collect ashes (for D.N.A. test) ^{and} to collect documents - I propose that one responsible officer of the Govt. of India (preferably of originalizing Ministry of Home Affairs) should visit with the team along with the Counsel of the Government (in view of collection of the Ashes for D.N.A. test apart from the matter of cross-examinations of the witnessess) subject to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

7. As to the matter of reference under item No. (i) in Paragraph No. 1 above, may I request your pleasure to instruct me in the subject with document - in view of declaration by the Govt. on the floor of the Parliament in the subject. Be it mentioned ^{that} the matter comes up for consideration by the Hon'ble Commission during hearings off and on, and I can not assist as I do not have any instructions in the matter.

8. In reference to (j) above I would request your pleasure in taking steps for fixing Affidavits in opposition or reply in question as the matter comes up off and on during hearings of the Hon'ble Commission and I can not answer the queries in absence of your instructions in the matter. I may propose your reply on the specified matters in my related letters in substantial form and I may place drafts of

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Tarakeswar Pal

Advocate

Senior Counsel -I, To The Government of India

In Justice Mukherjee Commission Of

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5th December, 2001
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Affidavits on those replies, if required, and in turn you may file the Affidavits. I think replies on all specific matters have been communicated to the Hon'ble Commission by your different letters in the mean time. However, you may kindly check up and do ~~to~~ the needful as early as possible.

Thanking you,

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

Tarakeswar Pal

Copy to : (by Speed post)

(TARAKESWAR PAL)
C. G. S. C. - I

Smt. Sangita Gairela,
Joint Secretary (IS-1),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001,

- for information and appraisal of the matters in question.

Tarakeswar Pal

With regards,
(TARAKESWAR PAL)
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(II)/428(70)

Kolkata, dated, November 26, 2001

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From
 Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
 Officer on Special Duty

Under Certificate of Posting

To
 Shri Jayant Prasad
 Joint Secretary (CNV)
 Ministry of External Affairs
 Government of India
 South Block
 New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001, and if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11.00 O'clock at Committee Room 'C' in the Vigyan Bhavan Annex, New Delhi, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses :-

Witnesses summoned for 19.12.2001

1. Shri K. Natwar Singh,
 Author of the book review titled, 'An extraordinary story'
 published in the 'Frontline' dated October 12, 2001;
2. Smt. Prabha Jagannathan,
 Correspondent, The Economic Times,
3. Shri Satindrapal Singh Sharma,
 Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times;
4. Sri Janardan Das,
 Deponent of Affidavit No. JMCI/59/2000;
5. Shri Jai Singh,
 Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times;

6-8.The Officers concerned of the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs, and of the office of the Prime Minister, swearing their respective affidavits in terms of para 4 of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001

JMS ||| Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
 (M. Roy)
 Officer on Special Duty

We need to finalise
 the affidavit and mode
 of its submission after
 discussion with Dir(CNV).

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 5, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my D.O. of even number of 3rd December, 2001 regarding, inter alia, witnesses in Taiwan.

You are requested to furnish the full names of all the witnesses to enable us to collect the requisite details.

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Kolkata 700 087

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Smt. N. Chauhan
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Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 5, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my D.O. of even number of 3rd December, 2001 regarding, inter alia, witnesses in Taiwan.

We have now received information that the Taiwanese authorities are not in a position to trace the whereabouts of the witnesses in the absence of their full names. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the full names of all the witnesses to enable the concerned authorities in Taiwan to look for the requisite details. *as to collect the req details*.

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (Fax: 91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DDG

Jan. 19/c

This has reference to your fax message of November 27, 2001 in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I, personally handed over the list of witnesses as forwarded with your above fax to the officials of the Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Taiwan with a request to let ITA know about their whereabouts/details. They have asked us to indicate full names of the witnesses mentioned in the list to enable them to look for the requested details.

A Therefore, it is requested that full names of all the six individuals mentioned in your above fax may kindly be sent to us for forwarding the same to MoFA.

Regards,

Date: December 3, 2001.

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(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General

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NEW DELHI.

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear *Sir,*

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 17th October, 2001 regarding documents available with the US Government and its agencies relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which are to be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

We are required to file an affidavit before the Commission regarding the availability of the desired documents. Kindly indicate the latest position in the case giving details of the efforts made by the Mission to obtain the desired documents/information and the results thereof. The information may please be furnished by 10th December, 2001.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Alok Prasad,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India
Washington

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NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/408 dated 13.11.2001 regarding your proposed visits to Japan and Taiwan.

As regards Japan, we have conveyed all your requirements to our Mission in Tokyo. So far as Taiwan is concerned, we are still awaiting information on the witnesses given by you. We shall revert as soon as we receive the requisite confirmation/information.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Sir,
Please refer to your letter No. TOK/102/3/01 dated 10.10.2001 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Smt. 166/c of Vol. VI

The Commission has now indicated its requirements of staff, space and equipment for the proposed visit to Japan. In this connection, its letter dated 13.11.2001 which is self-explanatory is enclosed.

Kindly note that the Commission will indicate the size and composition of the delegation after the Mission confirms that it can make all the arrangements requested for.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

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NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/48/2000/313 dated 20.9.2001 regarding witnesses in Russia.

As desired, a detailed report prepared by our Mission informing about the efforts made for finding the whereabouts of the witnesses in Russia is enclosed for your information.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57/392(68)

Kolkata, dated, November 8, 2001

Under Certificate of Posting

From
Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To
Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh from 26th day of November 2001 to 1st day of December, 2001 during which the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses at 11-00 a.m. on November 28, 2001, at Community Hall, Civil Court premises, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh:-

Sri Shyamnarayan Bind
S/o. Shri Bechan Bind,
Vill. Pithapur, P.O. Poura
P.S. Sakaldiha, Dist. Chandauli
U.P. 232 108

Dr. Viswambar Nath Arora
12 Lakman Puri
Faizabad, U.P. 224 001

Dr. B. Roy
867, Awas Bikash Colony,
Amaniganj, Faizabad
U.P. 224 001

Dr. Ramendra Pal
S/o. Shri Piarey Lal
Mohalla Kuncha Neem Patiali Sarai
Budaun, Dist. Budaun
U.P. 243 601

Mr. Kausar Hussain
51 Meera Bai Marg,
Lucknow - 1, U.P.

Shri Anupam Misra
S/o. Dr. R.P. Misra
124/1 Jharkhandi, Faizabad,
Dist. Faizabad, UP 224 001

Sri Kailash Nath Jaiswal
S/o. Late Baij Nath Jaiswal
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Smt. Rita Banerjee
W/o. Dr. P. Banerjee,
1/13/1 Civil Lines,
Near Jingle Bell School,
Faizabad, U.P. 224 001

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Fax Message

Date: November 27, 2001

From : ITA Council

To : India Taipei Association
Taipei (Fax No. 00-8862- 275 761 17)

Shri Ranjit Gupta Director General from Vijay Gokhale

Reference: request received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on possible leads available in Taiwan on the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. A list of witnesses, furnished by Justice Mukherjee Commission, who could be available in Taiwan is enclosed. Grateful if the ITA Taipei could have the whereabouts of these witnesses checked to enable ITA Council, New Delhi to pass on the information to the Commission.

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

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**Names and Particulars of the Witnesses available in Formoza / Russia
as mentioned in the book entitled,
'Netaji Mystery' authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha**

| <u>Names of witnesses</u> | <u>Particulars</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Gen. Pao | He was employed in the External Affairs Department, Government of Formoza and posted at Taipei in 1964. |
| 2. Mr. Chuang | He was a Senior Officer in the Department of External Affairs, Government of Formoza, posted in New Delhi, as a Special Representative of Chinese Government. |
| 3. Mr. Tao | He was a Senior Officer in the Department of Culture, Government of Formoza. |
| 4. Mr. Yu | He was posted at Taipei Airport during the Second World War. His duty was to fill in the Oil Tanks of the aircrafts. |
| 5. Col. Yeh | He was in the team of Pilots when the air-field of Kinomen island was taken over by the Formoza Government from the Japanese and before that he was posted in New Delhi in the Embassy of Formozan Government as Military Attaché. |
| 6. Mr. Ting | He started his carrier as a businessman in Taipei in 1964. Before that he was in the Detective Department of the Chungking Government / Nationalist Chinese Government. He was also posted in Calcutta before the Second World War when he learnt Bengali. |

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

November 26, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/398 dated 09.11.2001 regarding "further contemporary official documentary records" stated by Late Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister of India.

It may please be noted that the copy of letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated 29.10.2001 of the Prime Minister's Office which was supposed to have been enclosed with your aforesaid letter has not been received in this Ministry. It is, therefore, requested that a copy of the PMO's letter may be forwarded to us to enable us to take further necessary action in the matter.

Replies,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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No. C/415/7/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference: request received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on possible leads available in Taiwan on the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The India-Taipei Association, Taipei has made discreet inquiries with the Taiwanese authorities on whether any documentation is available in Taiwan on this matter.
3. The response of the Taiwanese authorities, as conveyed to us by ITA Taipei is enclosed for perusal and record. The Taiwanese authorities have said that details may be available only with the Japanese authorities.

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)

Director (EA)
November 20, 2001

Director (CNV)

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We have a list of witnesses furnished by the Justice Mukherjee Commission who could be available in Taiwan. We may request EA Divn. to have the whereabouts of these witnesses checked so that the information could be passed on to the Commission.

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Names and particulars of the witnesses available in Formoza/Russia as mentioned in the book entitled, 'Netaji Mystery' authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha.

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| Sl. No. | Names of the witnesses (mentioned in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satya- narayan Sinha) | Particulars of the witnesses furnished in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha. |
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IN RUSSIA

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| 1. | Mr. Ivan Ling | .. He is a Chinese-Russian by birth. He was a Warden of the K.G.B. Jail in Russia where Netaji was lodged as a prisoner after the Communist Party of China captured Peking from the Nationalist Government of China. |
| 2. | Mr. Yeakuttang | .. He was one of the Europeans who was captured by the U.S.S.R. and put in prison in Siberia. |

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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: UN War Crimes Commission – removal of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's name.

This has reference to PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol Vol.IV dated 1.11.2001 addressed to JS(UNE) on the above subject(copy enclosed).

We have been receiving communication from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on issues relating to the aforesaid subject. It is understood that the UN Division is already seized of the matter and that they have been exchanging notes on the subject with the PMO. Since NGO Section has been earmarked as the nodal Section in this Ministry in so far as communication with the Justice Mukherjee Commission is concerned, we may request the UN Division to let us have urgently the update on the subject under reference so that the Commission could be informed.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Subject: UN War Crimes Commission – removal of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's name.

Reference is invited to MEA ID note No. U.II/103/L/98 dated 22.10.2001 on the subject mentioned above.

MEA being the nodal Ministry in so far as the issue involved is concerned. Therefore, Ministry of External Affairs may take necessary action on this and then suitably inform Justice Mukherjee Commission by furnishing copies of all available relevant documents urgently under intimation to this office.

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[Sunil Jain]
Director

Shri A Gopinathan – Joint Secretary (UNE), MEA

PMO ID No. 915/11 C 2/2000-Pol Vol.IV

dated: 01-11-2001

Copy for information to Shri Mukesh Mittal – Deputy Secretary (IS-I), MHA w.r.t. MHA ID No. I 1204/20/2001-ISD-III dated 18.10.2001.

Copy for information to:
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We may request UN Div. for an update on this so that the Commission could be informed.

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(East Asia Division)

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (Fax: 91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

X This has reference to Shri Vijay Gokhale's fax message of October 22, 2001 and our reply of the same day regarding documentation relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In response to DG's letter of September 19, 2001 to the Foreign Ministry here, we have received a reply (signed by the Foreign Minister) yesterday which mentions, inter alia:

In a book edited and published by the Ministry of National Defence of Taiwan in May 1991 on war against the Japanese aggression in China and the chronology of its major events, page no. 531 mentions that "Chandra Bose was injured and he died in the air crash at Taipei airport". Photographs or other reference materials of this incident are not available with agencies contacted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our message of October 22, 2001 mentions names of those agencies. The above letter also mentions that further details may perhaps be available with the Japanese authorities (Japanese Archives of Foreign Relations and Japan National Parliament Library).

This issues with DG's approval.

Regards,

Date: November 6, 2001.

S K Verma
(S K Verma)
Deputy Director General

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No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3)

Dated : November 9, 2001.

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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To : 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 2) The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 3) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings. The said Status Report may kindly be perused along with the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D 3) sent herewith to take necessary action in the matter and to ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

For a.p.l.
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Enclo: As stated above.

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 17th October 2001 (Eleventh – D 3)
 Held at Committee Room "C" of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe,
 New Delhi

October 17, 2001

The only witness present today is Sitanshu Mohan Das (CW 56). In course of his examination he has admitted that he has written the book 'Subhas – A Political Biography'; and the book has been marked Exhibit 82.

Four other witnesses namely Mr. Jai Singh, Mr. Satindra Pal Singh Sharma, Sm. Prabha Jagannathan and Mr. Janardan Das have not appeared to testify in spite of service of summons upon them. Let fresh summons be served upon them intimating that if they do not appear to depose on the next date of hearing, coercive measures will be taken against them to ensure their appearance before the Commission.

After examination of the witnesses, the parties and/or their lawyers present have been heard about the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' prepared by the Commission and circulated to all the parties present. They have submitted that as the Central Government has not yet fully complied with the orders / directions passed from time to time by the Commission asking the Government to produce the relevant records / documents, stern steps may be taken to enforce their production

The Commission started its public hearing in March, 2000. Since then various orders / directions have been passed and reminders issued, seeking relevant information / records from various Ministries / Offices of the Government of India to enable the Commission to discharge its functions effectively and expeditiously. Unfortunately however, the production of some of the records / documents, which appear to be germane to the terms of reference are still awaited. In that context, it is felt that the time is now ripe to impress upon the various Ministries / Offices concerned of the Government of India that unless the earlier orders / directions of the Commission are fully complied with within a definite time frame, it will be well nigh impossible for the Commission to satisfactorily complete its momentous and monumental task. Placed in such a predicament, the Commission is left with no other alternative but to issue the following directions :

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- a) By the next date of hearing, the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs and the office of the Prime Minister shall file their responses to the statements made in the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' (except those contained in paragraphs 10 & 11) so far as they relate to their Ministries / Office, through affidavits filed by officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary ; and
- b) On the next date of hearing the officers swearing the affidavits must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.

To enable the Ministries / Office concerned to comply with the above directions, let a copy of the 'Status Report' mentioned above be forwarded to each of them along with a copy of this order.

The next hearing of the Commission will be on December 19 and 20, 2001 (at 11 AM on both days) in one of the Committee Rooms of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi.

M. K. Mukherjee
(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions including those contained in the Proceedings dated 13.06.2001 read with proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, and 04.04.2001 of the Commission

1. Copies of the Status Report as on 20.08.2001 (forenoon) were sent for favour of taking necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of external Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Defence Department and Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, by Registered Post with A/D with Commission's letter bearing No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/48(Vol.III)/309(5) dated September 19, 2001 wherewith a copy of the proceedings dated August 22, 2001 of the Commission was also sent for their kind perusal.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, which of the files/records/documents mentioned in paras (a)(i) and (a) (iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II) /272 dated August 23, 2001 to kindly arrange to locate further records of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and send them to the Commission expeditiously. The response of the Ministry of external Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

4. The Director General of the National Archives of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/271 dated August 23, 2001 to report to the Commission immediately whether Micro-films of Mountbatten and Wavel papers are available in the National Archives of India and, if available, to send to the Commission authenticated xerox copies thereof as quickly as possible. The response of the National Archives of India in the matter is still awaited.
5. In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/262 dated August 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that neither the original records of the day-to-day proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry nor any authenticated copy thereof has yet been received by the Commission. He has been requested therein to ensure more vigorous efforts to locate all the remaining records pertaining to the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry including the documents presented before the said Commission, the documents not received by it in spite of its requisition and the documents which were made exhibits before it and to make all those records/documents available to this Commission as quickly as possible as those are essentially required by this Commission for the purpose of its inquiry. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
6. Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, declared inter alia in the floor of Parliament on August 28, 1978 that "Further contemporary official documentary records have also become available" concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/177 dated June 29, 2001 has been requested to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" before this Commission within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter. In course of the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Home Ministry on 13.08.2001, the Hon'ble Chairman also requested for making available to the Commission authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records which have also become available"

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concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. A reminder was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/307 dated September 18, 2001. Those documents/records are yet to be received.

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The report and the Affidavit, as called for, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 read with its letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001, have not yet been received.

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The Secretary, Prime Minister's office and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, were requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/ /Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/318(2) dated September 20, 2001 to confirm whether an affidavit was filed before Justice Khosla Commission on behalf of the Government of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'confidential files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, they were requested to furnish a copy of the said affidavit with a detailed explanatory note on the contents of each of the said 34 confidential files allegedly destroyed or missing. The response to the said letter is being awaited.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averment(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 was requested to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by some deponents in their affidavit/supplementary affidavits, xerox copies of which were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000. In response thereto the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission a copy of the letter dated July 4, 2001 addressed to different authorities of the Government of India, wherein they were requested to go through the list of documents enclosed therewith and if necessary, to submit an affidavit before the Commission directly. The Ministry of Home Affairs was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow-up)/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 to clarify with a supporting affidavit whether

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or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 to take necessary action to send the report with the supporting affidavit as quickly as possible as also to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned to enable the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India for production before the Commission their respective documents. The said reports and affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are still awaited.

10. The Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission's d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/286 dated September 5, 2001, to inform the Commission whether they have got Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents of the public records office of the British Library which were listed by the team of the Commission after their study of the files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records office so that the Commission may obtain transcriptions from those Micro-films/Micro Fiches or authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Heartley Library of the Southampton University or at least of the papers listed in the said letter dated September 5, 2001 of the Commission. The receipt of the aforesaid Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches/Authenticated xerox copies are still awaited.

11. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/2000-01/70/283 dated September 3, 2001 to take up with the Embassy of India in Tokyo so that lists of witnesses sent by them to the Commission with their No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 27, 2001 are verified in view of the anomalies pointed out in the Commission's said letter dated September 3, 2001 and a corrected and up-to-date list of witnesses along with their respective present correct addresses sent to the Commission as early as possible to enable it to draw up a programme or examination of the witnesses in Japan during the proposed

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11 visit of the Commission to Japan. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
(- contd) have informed that they have taken up the matter with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo.

12. (a) D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 26, 2001 has been received from
the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the
Hon'ble Chairman's d.o. No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267 dated
August 21, 2001 regarding inspection of documents relating to Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose stated to be lying in different foreign countries. In this
communication the Hon'ble Minister has stated that the points raised in the
Hon'ble Chairman's letter have been taken up with the diplomatic mission of
India in the countries concerned and that they (Ministry of External Affairs)
would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this
regard.

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(b) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No.
25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated October 1, 2001 has sent to the Commission some
xerox copies written in Russian along with their English translation which have
been sent to them by the Russian Foreign Office through the Indian Mission in
Moscow stating those to be "all available documents received from different
Archives in the Russian Federation". The said d.o. letter and its enclosures
have been received by the Commission on October 8, 2001 and will be
scrutinized in due course.

13. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested by
Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 to
send a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry
allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I which is
allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the
British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly
intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated
from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft. The
Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. No. 25/4/NGO-POL.VI dated September 6,
2001 intimated that they were making every effort to trace the same and will revert to
the Commission shortly in this matter. Further development is still awaited.

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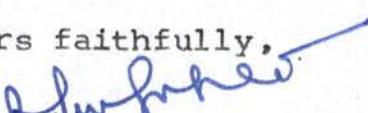
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proximity of the venue of hearing to accommodate the officers and the staff who may be working in connection with the hearing of the Commission, and (iv) a suitable waiting place for the witnesses who may be summoned by the Commission.

- (5) To arrange transport for the official use of the Hon'ble Chairman and the members of the team of the Commission in Japan and Taiwan;
- (6) To arrange suitable board and lodging for the Hon'ble Chairman and the members of the team of the Commission in Japan and Taiwan;
- (7) To earmark one senior and competent Officer of the Indian Mission concerned as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of the said hearing of the Commission.

I am also directed to request you to send a reply in confirmation as quickly as possible on receipt of which the size and composition of the delegation of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan will be intimated.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up) /48(01.11)/273/391
Kolkata, dated November 8, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

S.No. 176 of Vol.VI

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter No.25/4/
NGO-Vol.VI dated October 25, 2001 of the Director(CNV)of
the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and
to request you to file immediately an affidavit before the
Commission to be sworn by you or by a competent officer of
your Ministry not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the
Government of India stating clearly therein details of the
steps taken and searches conducted for locating all the
exhibits/documents/records called for by and/or filed before
the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee as also for locating the records/
files containing the proceedings of the said committee.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir.

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated October 29, 2001 of the Prime Minister's Office which is in reply to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/H.Delhi/99-2000/37/178 dated 29.06.2001 (xerox copy enclosed) for your kind perusal with a request to ensure production before the Commission of duly attested/authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" which, as stated by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on August 28, 1978 on the floor of the Parliament, had "become available" to the Government of India since those documentary records are urgently required to be perused by the Commission for the purposes of its inquiry.

This may be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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Since we have not recd. the letter at 'X'
above, we may write to the Commission as per
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Secretary

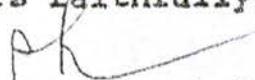
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S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the pages 455 and 456 of purported Parliamentary Proceedings dated August 28, 1978 wherefrom it appears that Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, stated, inter alia, on the floor of the Parliament on August 28, 1978, as follows :-

"some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive." (Emphasis supplied)

I am directed to request you to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records", which were admitted to have become available to the Government of India, as stated by the then Prime Minister on August 28, 1978 on the floor of the Parliament, before the Commission within six weeks of the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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Reference correspondence regarding affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and our letter No. MOS/POL/451/1/2001 dated 8th May, 2001.

2. Our extensive queries regarding the whereabouts of persons indicated in the affidavit have still not yielded any definite information.
3. With regard to the specific points made by Shri Sindkar in his affidavit, we have contacted a wide spectrum of persons who may have had contact or knowledge of the persons listed in the affidavit. These queries were made among others with Dr. Madan Lal Madhu, President of the Indian Association, who has been in this country for nearly four decades. Others include Shri Vinay Shukla, Shri Masood Ali Khan, Shri Naresh Vedi, Shri Atul Sawani, Dr. Arun Mohanty; who are prominent Indians resident in Moscow for several decades.
4. We have also contacted Russians who have had long contacts with India including scholars at the Institute of Oriental Studies. We were informed, through our contacts at Institute of Oriental Studies, that Mr. Chandran passed away more than 10 years ago and some members of his family have since migrated to Canada. Prof. Mitrokhin, who has written a book on Indian revolutionaries in Soviet Union/Russia including Shri Virendra Nath Chattopadhyay, was not able to recall name of Shri Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta as son of Shri Virendra Nath Chattopadhyay. He was also not able to recall name of Mrs. Tariana who has been listed in affidavit as the wife of Shri Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta. Prof. Mitrokhin suggested queries could be made with Prof. Javed Ashraf of JNU.

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5. The Foreign Ministry, when approached with regard to this issue, conveyed that the details in the affidavit were inadequate for it to make any useful query on the whereabouts of the persons named by Shri Sindkar.

6. Our Mission in St. Petersburg also conducted intensive queries and a copy of their fax is enclosed.

With regards,

D.B. Venkatesh Varma
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October 31, 2001

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FS(Pol) from Consul (HOC)

Reference your fax dated April 13th regarding information required by Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Our enquiries till date have drawn a blank. We have given names to some more people who while not having denied first hand information, have agreed to check with others. Will keep you informed if something positive comes up.

With regards,

(Harsh K. Jain)
Consul

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Dir(CNV)
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The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has directed that the veracity of the PTI report from the UN dated 13th Jan, 1971 be checked. In this connection, we may request UN Division to ~~ask~~ confirm whether India had indeed deposited with the UN on 12.1.1971 its ratification of the convention removing any statutory limitations for prosecution of War Criminals — as reported in the said PTI report.

23/10/2001

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Dir(CNV)
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Vikas Swarup
Counsellor (Political)

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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
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October 16, 2001

Dear Narinder,

Please refer to your D.O No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 7, 2001.

Deputy High Commissioner met Mr. Stephen Evans, Head of the South Asian Department in the FCO on October 11, 2001 and requested that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry be permitted to examine British intelligence records withheld from release. Mr. Evans promised to revert after consulting officials in the FCO's Historical and Records Division. He did say, however, that it is not normal practice to permit access to classified intelligence records.

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Vikas Swarup)

Smt. Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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No.I/12014/10/2001-IS (D.III)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs



New Delhi, the 25th October, 2001.

To

- ✓ (1) Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.
- (2) Shri G.B. Singh
Director (History Division),
Ministry of Defence,
3/West Block-8, Wing-I,
R.K. Puram,
New Delhi.
- (3) Shri Sanjay Sinha,
Deputy Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
New Delhi.
- (4) Smt. Krishna Dey,
Asstt. Director of Archives,
National Archives of India,
Janpath,
New Delhi-110001.
- (5) Shri Sunil Jain,
Director,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi.

Sub:- Filling of original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by the deponents.

Sir/Madam,

S.No. 108/c of Vol. VI

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 4th July, 2001 sending therewith a copy of letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/ 2000-2001/67/132 dated 30th May, 2001 from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and a Petition dated May 25, 2001 with enclosures thereto wherein Shri Nandlal

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Chakrabarti, Petitioner has mentioned various documents on the subject noted above. It is presumed that the documents pertaining to your Ministry/Department would, by now, have been identified and an affidavit after such identification, if necessary, would have been submitted before the Commission.

2. The position in this regard may please be confirmed to this Ministry so that the Commission could be briefed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(V.P. BHATIA)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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No.I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, the 25th October, 2001.

To

- ✓ (1) Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.
(2) Shri G.B. Singh
Director (History Division),
Ministry of Defence,
3/West Block-8, Wing-I,
R.K. Puram,
New Delhi.
(3) Shri Sunil Jain,
Director,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi.

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Sub:- Files/Record/Documents mentioned in paras a (i) and a (iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2000 of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 on the subject noted above as also a copy of the proceedings dated March 23, 2000 of the Commission.

2. It is requested that the files/Records/Documents mentioned in paras a (i) and a (iii) of the said proceedings may please be examined and the files/records etc. which pertain to your Ministry/Department may please be identified and the Commission advised accordingly under intimation to this Ministry. It is further requested that this exercise may be completed expeditiously to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:-As above.

V.P. Bhatia

(V.P. BHATIA)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tele No.301 5700

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
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Kolkata, dated, August 23, 2001

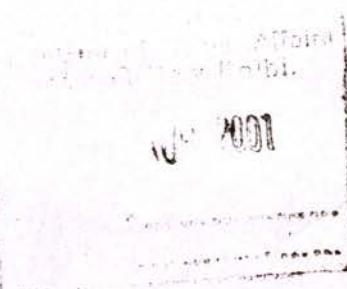
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

(SSD/W)

To
The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi 110 001.



Sir,

I am directed to refer to serial 3 of your Status Report sent to the Commission with the letter No. I-12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated July 17, 2001 of the Deputy Secretary (IS-I) of your Ministry and to request you to furnish to the Commission within six weeks from the date of receipt of this letter which of the files/records/documents mentioned in paras (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to Prime Minister's office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence, and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

P. Sengupta
S. Bhattacharya
S. Banerjee
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No Date

Proceeding dated 23rd March, 2000.

Present - Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee,
Chairman.

After examining the statements filed by the parties and after hearing them and/or their representatives regarding the modalities of the proceeding, the Commission makes the following Orders/Directions :-

(a) The Government of India shall produce before the Commission, within six weeks from the date of communication of these Orders/Directions, the following :-

(i) All files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or I.N.A. in the Prime Minister's Secretariat including the following Secret files :-

1A, 2-A, 3-A, 6-A, 8-A, 12-A, 16-A (U.O. Note No. D/S-86 6, dated August 24, 1953, from P.M.'s Secretariat to Mohd. Yunus, MEA (SEA, BR), 17-A (U.O. Note No. D.3788-8EA/53, dated August 27, 1953, from Mohd. Yunus US, MEA (SEA) to P.M.'s Secretariat, 27-A, (Memo No. 2/53/1971/3/601 151) dated October 13, 1953, from Mohd. Yunus US, MEA (SEA) to P.M.'s Secretariat, 33-B (Letter No. 20/62 (Accts.) dated April 82. (sic), 1954, from the Joint Secretary, I.N.A. (Enquiry and Relief Committee, 82, Daryaganj, Delhi to the President, 34 A (Rajya Sabha's Starred question No. 60 dated Sept. 28, 1954), 35-B (Note for Supplementaries) 37-A (Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 334 dated August 2, 1955) 37-BCD (enclosures to S. No. 37-A) and Notes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 29 File No. 23 (156)/ 51-P.M. (Indian National Army) (INA) in the Far East), 23 (11)-56-57 PM (INA Treasure), 12(226)/56 PM (Investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of Subhas Chandra Bose); 249 INA-GHQ Case Bose and Russia, 249-INA- II(H) GHQ Case on Subhas Chandra Bose, Headquarters main file 279/1 INA 10 Misc., Headquarters main file 273 INA (Misc. INA), Headquarters main file 273/INA, Headquarters Main file 273-TNA, 138-TNA and 265 TNA; 10 Misc., TNA;

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(ii) File No. 16/3/45-Poll. (i) containing Secret Report dated 19.09.45 by R. Tottenham, Secretary prepared for Home Department; file No. 75/INA containing intelligence report prepared by Major Toye, Comd. S. Section CSDIC(i) dated 20.10.45; F. No. 8/18/46-Poll. (i) containing question No. 28 of Hon'ble Yuvaraj Dutta Singh in the Council of State and the answer given; file No. 8/15/46-Poll.

(i) relating to question No. 14 dated 6.11.46 of Yuvaraj Dutta Singh; File No. 8/2/47 - Poll.

(i) relating to Yuvaraj Dutta Singh's questions placed in the list of business for the Council of State on 17.2.47;

(iii) Report bearing Secret No. 1400/23/SE. CSDIC, Red Fort, Delhi dated 25th March, 1946; Netaji's letter to Jacob Malik, Soviet Ambassador, Tokyo dated 20.11.1944; Netaji's broadcast at 21.15 hrs. to 21.25 hrs., Special Message on 18.8.45; Confidential letter dated 23.5.46 from American Consulate Guard, Bombay dated 23.5.46 to the Secretary of State, Washington D.C., A-175(a de-classified C.I.A. document (original stated to be in the Archives of Princeton University)); a de-classified C.I.A. document dated 27.2.64 relating to a story concerning the possible return of one Subhas (Subas) Chandra Bose; API news agency's report attached to intelligence report for the Home Department dated 21.12.45; Secret No. 11/INC/45 dated 16.1.46 from the Dy. Inspector Genl. of Police, CIS, Bombay Province, Sivajinagar, Pune-5; Lt. Col. Anderson's confidential letter No. MS/5/5, CSDIC Red Fort Delhi dated 21.1.46 referring to a portion of Major Toye's report dt. 15.1.46; Daily INA Report No. 56 dated 5.2.46 prepared by W.N.P. Jenkins, Dy. Director (C) of Intelligence Bureau (Home Dept.); W. McKwright's letter No. C-5 dated 19.2.46 to Intelligence Bureau, H.D., New Delhi-3; Major Yong's Top Secret letter No. SL/9/CS/1 dated 1.8.46 to W.C.K. Wright; Pt. Nehru's letter to Mr. Attlee, the then Prime Minister of U.K. during 45 to 47 relating to Subhas Chandra Bose; Khurshed Naoroji's letter dt. 27.7.46 (original stated to be in the Archives of Princeton University) to Louis Fischer, secret correspondence between

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Mckwright and Major Young dt. April 8, 1946 relating to receipt of a letter by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru from Subhas Ch. Bose regarding his stay in Russia; and correspondence between Louis Fischer and Gandhiji, Louis Fischer and Khurshed Naoroji, Louis Fischer and the President of USA, Louis Fischer and the Prime Minister of UK and other political leaders of U.K. In relation to Netaji and India's independence, Louis Fischer to Stalin;

Being dealt with separately, reply already sent to JMC. Affidavit to be submitted.

(iv) The entire proceedings (including the evidence recorded) of Shaw Nawaz Committee and Khosla Commission held which had/earlier enquiries into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

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(v) The full texts of the Transfer of Power, Volumes VI & VII;

(b) Afteras fitting the above files/records/documents, the Government of India shall file Affidavits of competent persons of the related Ministries giving lists of all other files/records/documents, irrespective of whether they are Top Secret, Classified or De-classified, (except the 990 files transferred by the History Divn., Ministry of Defence to the National Archives, Delhi, a list of which has already been furnished to the Commission) lying in their respective custody or control relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or Indian National Army;

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(c) The Government of West Bengal shall produce all the files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose now lying in the custody of the Special Branch, including file No. 269/45 "Prisoner/Release-Revised Policy of Govt., for the release of security prisoners" containing Memo No. SS 129/SB dated 31st August, 1945 from the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta to H.S.E. Stevens, the then Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bengal, express letter No. 1234 dated 25.8.45 of Bengal Govt. and Confidential Note dated 3.9.45 of D.R. Hardwick, D.I.G. I.B.;

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(d) Since, from the statement filed on behalf of All India Forward Bloc it appears that Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy of Asiatic Society has done along with some others an extensive research work in Russia including on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and has submitted their report to the Society, The Commission would like to have an affidavit filed by Mrs. Purabi Roy indicating the particulars of the documents which might have come to her notice in course of her research and considered by her to be relevant for the purpose of the enquiry by this Commission, as early as possible preferably within six weeks from the communication of these Orders/Directions.

The General Secretary of the said Society is also requested to forward to the Commission the aforesaid report along with its enclosures within the period prescribed as above.

- (e) After the files are produced and/or particulars furnished by the Central Government in terms of the above orders/directions, a research team will be constituted to peruse those files and submit its report about the relevant contents thereof. The parties may suggest names of competent persons, preferably stationed in Delhi, who may be included in the team to be so constituted; and
- (f) Having regard to the facts that the evidence of Major G. Baskaran, who in his statement has claimed that he worked as Confidential Secretary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the material time, will be relevant for the enquiry and that he is aged 82 years, has lost his vision and is seriously ailing, immediate steps be taken to record his statement at his residence at No. 9, Royal Enclave, Basant Avenue, Chennai notwithstanding the fact that the evidence, if any, to be

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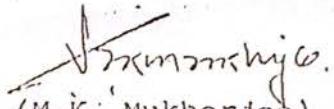
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produced by the Central Government is
yet to be recorded.

The Secretary of the Commission is directed
to take immediate steps for completion of the
above Order/Directions.


(M.K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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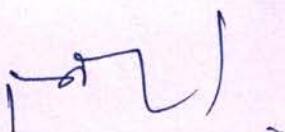
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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
IS-I Division

Ministry of External Affairs may please find enclosed a copy of letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/317 dated Sept. 20, 2001 from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry regarding "a PTI report dated United Nations of January 13, 1971, says that India deposited with the United Nations yesterday i.e. the 12th January, 1971 its ratification of the convention removing any statutory limitations for classification of war criminals.....".

2. It is requested that the said report of the PTI may please be examined and its correctness or otherwise communicated to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry directly under intimation to this Ministry.

Encl: As above.


(MUKESH MITTAL)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV),
South Block, New Delhi.

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Dated, the 18th Oct., 2001

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Note sent to UN Divn.~~

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/317

Dated Calcutta, September 20, 2001

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From : Shri M. Roy
 Officer on Special Duty.

To
 The Secretary
 Ministry of Home Affairs
 Government of India
 North Block
 New Delhi 110 001

Sir,

[] It appears from some papers filed before this Commission that "a P.T.I. report, dated United Nations of January 13, 1971, says that India deposited with the United Nations yesterday, i.e. the 12th January 1971 its ratification of the convention removing any statutory limitations for prosecution of War Criminals" and that the issue was raised before Justice Khosla Commission by Shri Niharendu Dutta Mazumder, Counsel for Late Suresh Chandra Bose at the initial stage of the inquiry by the said Commission.

I am, therefore, Directed to ask you to report within eight weeks from the date of receipt of this letter whether the said report of the P.T.I. is true.

Yours faithfully,

M.R.

(M. Roy)
 Officer on Special Duty.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
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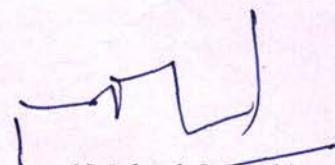
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Prime Minister's Office may please find enclosed a copy of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) dated 18 Sept'2001 enclosing therewith the Minutes dated 21.12.98 of Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and copies of two letters dated Oct'10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate addressed to the Prime Minister and dated Jan'23,1999 of Professer Amalendu Guha addressed to the Prime Minister regarding removal of the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from the list of War Criminals.

It is requested that the matter referred to above may please be examined in the Prime Minister's Office in consultation, if necessary, with Ministry of External Affairs and to send a response directly to the Commission.

Encl:- As above.


(Mukesh Mittal)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO No.I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III

Dated, the 18th Oct., 2001.

- ✓ 1. Copy along with enclosures forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.
- 2. Copy for information to Shri M. Roy, Officer on Special Duty, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 'B' Block (3rd Floor) 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.

Did he recieve any official
response w.r.t respect of
Shri A. Guha's letter, either from
PMO or any other ranker.
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Done by

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JUSTICE MUKHILJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMC/I/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) Calcutta, dated, the 18th September '01.

From : Shri M.Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

sir,

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I am directed to refer to the minutes dated 21.12.1998 of Shri Brojesh Mishra, the then Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister appearing at n.s. page 3 of file No.915/11/C/6/96-Pol. of the P.M.O. (copy enclosed) and to request you to inform the Commission within eight weeks from the date of receipt of this letter the outcome of the efforts.

I am further directed to refer to the letter dated October 10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate, addressed to the Prime Minister of India, appearing at c.p.182 of the said file (copy enclosed) as also to the D.O. letter dated January 23, 1999 of Prof. Amalendu Guha, addressed to the Prime Minister of India, appearing at c.p.s 194 and 195 of the said file (copies enclosed) and to request you to let the Commission know immediately the action taken thereon.

Enclosures : Four pages
as stated above

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy
(M. Roy.)
Officer on Special Duty

A. Mukherjee
VS(PMO)
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From the NP 5 of the file it appears that one Sri Bijon Ghosh, Advocate of the Supreme Court of India, had written to the Prime Minister asking for the removal of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the list of War Criminals and the PMO had sought MEA's advice in the matter. It was noted further by Sri P.P.Sukla the then Joint Secretary (P) in the P.M.O. that the position was that the U.N. "does not maintain any list of war criminals but does maintain records of the U.N. War Crimes Commission". It was further noted by the same Joint Secretary" it is not known whether Netaji's name figures in this list or not. In any case, according to MEA, the list is more in the nature of an archive rather than an actionable list. There is thus no benefit in even seeking to establish whether Netaji's name figures in such a list." MEA, therefore, advised that no further action should be taken by us ". Inspite of this proposal by the Joint Secretary (P) in the P.M.O.'s office, Sri Brajesh Misra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, ordered on 21.12.98 that MEA should make an effort to ascertain if the name figured in U.N. records". Again at Cor.P 196 there is a letter dated 12.3.99 from Sri A.K.Paitandy, Director (ISI) to Sri D.C.Mohanty, Sr./Counsel / standing of the Govt. of India, Orissa High Court, Cuttack, wherein Sri Mohanty was informed that as per information furnished by the Govt. of United Kingdom, the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not included in the list of war criminals drawn up by them. This letter was in connection with a Writ Application OJC No. 14400 of 1998) filed by one Dr.S.S. Mohapatra before the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa. The information said to have been furnished by the Govt. of United Kingdom or any copy thereof is not in this file. Cor. Page 133 purports to be a letter of Sri Sashi Tharoor, Executive Assistant to the Secretary General of the United Nations, in reply to a letter dated 15.2.77 (cor. page 132) of Air Vice Marshall S.Goyal, Chairman, Netaji Forum, New Delhi. In this letter Sri Tharoor informed Sri Goyal that the Secretary General of U.N.O. was aware of the great regard in which Netaji was held but he was powerless to undo any reference that might havebeen made in the past. Sri Tharoor, however, added that the Secretary General was confident that no United Nation's Agency or publication would use the term "war criminal" in reference to Netaji in the future. This letter palpably does not put at rest the allegations ifrom different quarters that Netaji's name figures in the list of war criminals. There is only an assurance that in future the terms 'war criminal' would not be used in reference to Netaji.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister
Goverment Of India
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Sub : A Demand of We , the People .

In Re : Netaji, Subash Chandra Bose
whose name is still in the records
of United Nations' War Criminal List.

Hon'ble Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee,

We, the People of India hereby demand

1. that the Govt. of India should take every step in the United Nations to remove the name of NETAJI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE from the War Criminal List of United Nations with an retrospective effect since 1945.

The Govt. of India should have taken every step since independence because Netaji , irrespective of his error of judgment in deciding to take help from and give support to the Axis camp during World War -II , is regarded & considered as one of the Great Son of Mother India and a main architect in achieving independence of India.

Even today, if a world referendum is taken on this issue, it will be found that more than half of the world population , in their considered esteem , regard & honour Netaji as a Hero of Humanity who suffered and sacrificed for Freedom, equality and fairness.

2. that there can not be any further Inquiry under Commissions of Inquiry Act,1952 or any kind of Inquiry like Judicial Inquiry or High Level Investigative Inquiry w.r.t. the facts and circumstances leading to the disappearance of Netaji S.C.Bose after 18.08.1945 , the sole being He is still a War Criminal.

The National Logo is " TRUTH MUST PREVAIL " , but in the issue of Netaji the Govt. of India , since independence , is giving mis-information and dis-information to the Nation .

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In the service of the Truth and Nation,

We remain, Sir,

Ghosh 10.10.98

On behalf of We, the People of India.

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Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
Prime Minister's Office.
New Delhi 110 001.
India.

Oslo. January 23, 1999.

Dear Vajpayee-ji:

Today is NETAJI SUBHAS BOSE's birthday. This day is being celebrated all over India and in important countries and places of the world as the commemorative birthday of the "Patriot of Patriots" of India.

Unfortunately, he has still been kept as war-criminal by both the Government of free India and the former Imperial, now Royal, Government of the United Kingdom. Why. Why and Why?

The first and former Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru had always refused to reply directly to the question of whether his status of war criminal as declared by then Viceroy of India Lord Wavell and the Royal British Government was waived off. IT MEANS THAT THE GOVERNMENT of free India did not and has not yet done it.

The present British Prime Minister Mr Tony Blair has avoided to reply it directly because of his lack of knowledge. Enclosed please find herewith the copy of the letter from his office.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the U.K. Government, on behalf of the Prime Minister, replied that "the question of how to treat Subhas Chandra Bose and other members of the Indian National Army was considered in 1945 by the Government of India in consultation with the HMG." Enclosed please find herewith the copy of the letter. It is very clear from this letter that the Govt. of India in 1945 under Lord Wavell was the British Colonial Govt. and this very Government declared Subhas Chandra Bose as war criminal. AND THERE DID NOT TAKE PLACE ANY FURTHER DEALING OR DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISSUE..

I have also appealed to the International Court of Justice at The Hague to go through its record of the war criminals and let me know of the findings and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's present status. It will take, at least, four months more to receive any reply.

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You, as the de facto administrator of India, possess the right and official power, for making decisions on important national issues.

I, therefore, appeal to you to kindly DECALARE OFFICIALLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS WAIVED OFF THE 1945 DECISION, IN WHICH NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE WAS DECLARED AS WAR CRIMINAL. For this humanist and patriotic decision and declaration of yours I, as well as, the entire nation in India, will remain ever grateful to you. And I believe that you are the fittest and the best Prime Minister to do so.

Looking forward to your kind and positive reply at an early date.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Abhode

Amalendu Guha, M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc.
Professor/Director

and author of the books on (which were mailed to you earlier)

i) NETAJI SUBHAS : IDEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE

and

ii) GANDHIAN NON-VIOLENCE.

(Proposed for Nobel Prize in Economics in 1999 for theory on:
GLOBAL MALDEVELOPMENT)

Enclo: as mentioned.

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (Fax: 91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

This has reference to Shri Vijay Gokhale's fax message of today regarding the documentation relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

On receipt of the previous message from ITA Council on September 19, 2001, we had checked up with the Songshan hospital where Netaji was brought after the air crash on 18th August 1945 and were told that there was no record available with them on his admission and treatment. Then I spoke to and wrote to the Director General of East Asian and Pacific Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here to solicit his help in locating some documentation in the above regard. He, on not finding anything in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wrote to the Ministry of Defence, Historical Research Commission of Taiwan, Academia Sinica and Historica Sinica requesting them to find suitable documentation in their records. We are still awaiting their response in this regard.

My earlier message of September 19, 2001 may also be seen.

Regards,

Date: October 22, 2001.

Ranjan
(Ranjit Gupta)
Director General

Ans 27/10

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Dir(CNV) may please/keep on NAO file
on this subject.

23.10.2001

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Director (CNV)
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Sh Sen.